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# PG&E customers still without power

115 homes in Hopland area without power since Friday morning; PG&E bringing in crews from other states

By ROB BURGESS The Daily Journal

As the brutal winter storms that have pummeled the northern half of the state over the past three days began to settle into a slow, steady drizzle Saturday, thousands of residents were still awaiting the return of power to their homes.

Jana Schuering, a spokeswoman for

working around the clock to restore electricity to the approximately 11,000 area customers still in the dark late

"Currently we have 160 separate outages in Lake and Mendocino counties,' she said Saturday afternoon. "We are continuously having to deal with this harsh weather."

Schuering said as many as 115 homes in the Hopland area had been without power for more than 36 hours as of

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### Road closures update

- Little Lake Road was closed at 6 a.m. Friday and was reopened at 6 p.m. the same day.
  - · Surfwood Road was closed at the

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Sarah Baldik/The Daily Journal Lake Mendocino's water level has risen noticeably over the past several days of rain.



### MOM'S PLACE STORE & DELI CLOSING IN BROOKTRAILS



MacLeod Pappidas/The Daily Journal

Owner Jeanne Nasarow sits in front of Mom's Place Store and Deli in Brooktrails Wednesday. The store will close its doors permanently on Monday.

# Customers say they'll miss the convenience and the camaraderie

By ROB BURGESS The Daily Journal

If there's one thing customers who frequent the soon-to-bedefunct Mom's Place Store & Deli in Brooktrails seem to agree on it's this: driving to another convenience store will be decidedly inconvenient.

'I come here at least once or twice a week.

Brooktrails resident, Mom's regular and mother of twins herself, Stacy Holden said she was shocked to learn of the store's scheduled Monday closing and was frustrated by her newly narrowed "I come here at least once or twice a week," she

said on Wednesday. "I've been coming here since I've lived here. I didn't even know it was closing STACY HOLDEN until I went in here and everything was gone. Now I'm going to have to drive all the way to town to Tower Mart, which is three miles away."

Mom's customer Owner Jeanne Nasarow said she is closing the store after seven years in business because of a landlord dispute.

"I'll just leave it at that," she said.

Nasarow said she first opened the business after the store's previous owner, Joan LeFeat, had been murdered behind the counter in February 2001. Jameson Jackson and Chris Coleman, who were both found guilty of the crime, were each only 15 years old at the time of the shooting. Coleman was later sentenced to 25 years-tolife in prison.

Nasarow said she never felt as if her life were in danger during

the entire time she manned the register.

"She died right there," she said, pointing to a spot near the entrance to the store's backroom behind the counter. "It really left a hole in the community. I think it was a onetime thing though. I've



Mom's Place employee Brad Robison takes a beer advertisement down from above the coolers in the store.

got this pink baseball bat back here anyway.'

Nasarow said the secret to the business' longevity up until this point has been a mix of both the efforts of customers and employees, including her two daughters, Emily and Amanda.

"The community has been so awesome," she said. "I met so many good people. I had the most awesome crew. The girls were great. It was real personal. They know what you had to drink, what you had to eat. A lot of girls got their start here. Missing the people, that's going to be the hardest part."

Former employee Emmy Lewis said she hasn't worked at the store for four months, but she was employed there on and off for two years.

She echoed her former boss' sentiments and said the thing she'll miss most is the familiar faces. 'There was definitely the regulars," she said. "I'll remember the

stories, the customers. It was just fun." Rob Burgess can be reached at udjrb@pacific.net.

# Local Wine Commission thinking big

Hoping to attract national attention and increase sales of local grapes out-of-state

By BEN BROWN

The Daily Journal

This year, the Mendocino County Winegrape and Wine Commission will be focusing on building a more national brand and promoting its status as the green wine "Mendocino County owns green winer-

ies," said John Enquist, president of the commission. "We've got the facts and figures and the organic acres to back it up.' The commission is also hoping to

increase wine tourism by attracting wine writers from both industry and lifestyle publications to Mendocino County. Last year the commission brought in

mostly California writers, but this year it plans to try and build a more national brand for the county. "We're going for more A-list national

wine journalists," Enquist said.

He said the commission will also help local grape growers learn how to market, sell and ship their grapes out of the state.

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### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### Hopland, Redwood Valley, Willits and Ukiah

Mendocino County Veterans Service

· Volunteers are needed to serve as volunteer drivers, driving veterans from Ukiah to the Veterans Hospital in San Francisco. A regular California driver's license is required. For more information, call 463-4226 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on week-

Mendocino County Library -- Ukiah branch

- Book wrapper, wrap new books in plastic and repair torn book covers in order to place them in circulation.
- Book shelver, shelve returned books and audio-visual materials
- Resource sharing assistant, work with delivery of library materials that travel between libraries to give customers their

Please contact Barbra or Ron at check

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### To our readers:

Production delays and concern for carrier safety may cause disruptions in our circulation efforts during this weekend's stormy weather. We apologize for any delivery delays that may

### POLICE REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Ukiah Police Department. To anonymously report crime information, call 463-6205.

ARRESTED -- Angela Gutierrez, 19, no hometown listed, was arrested at 7:07 a.m. Friday in the 1200 block of South State Street on suspicion of driving under the influence.

ARRESTED -- Hector Delgado, 31, of Fresno, was arrested at 8:35 a.m. Friday in the 100 block of Washington Avenue on suspicion of inflicting corporal injury on a spouse and resisting arrest.

ARRESTED -- Mark Randolph, 52, of Ukiah, was arrested at 5:53 p.m. Friday in

the 100 block of Henderson Lane on suspicion of driving under the influence.

ARRESTED --Kristi Davis, 27, of Ukiah, was arrested at 11:28 p.m. Friday in the 200 block of Norton Street on suspicion of driving under the influence.

Those arrested by law enforcement officers are innocent until proven guilty. People reported as having been arrested may contact the Daily Journal once their case has been concluded so the results can be reported. Those who feel the information is in error should contact the appropriate agency. In the case of those arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of an intoxicant: all DUI cases reported by law enforcement agencies are reported by the newspaper. The Daily Journal makes

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### LOTTERY NUMBERS

**DAILY 3:** night: 9, 0, 8. afternoon: 9, 4, 4. FANTASY 5: 17, 19, 21, 37. 38

**DAILY DERBY:** 1st Place: 02, Lucky Star. 2nd Place: 10, Solid

3rd Place: 07, Eureka. Race time: 1:46.00. **LOTTO:** 3-15-18-40-41. Meganumber: 4. Jackpot: \$30 million. MEGA MILLIONS: 24-

31-39-40-56. Meganumber: 32. Jackpot: \$12 million.

### FUNERAL NOTICES

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JAMES GEORGE

BRACEWELL James George Bracewell, also known to many as "Jamie" born November, 1981, passed away on 2 January, 2008 at his home in Ukiah, California. James was a wonderful son and brother, who loved his family and God very much. He struggled with mental illness for many years of his young life. Our family was so lucky to have been blessed with him for 26 years and all though it will never be enough time for us, we are hanging onto our wonderful memories. He never really knew how many lives he touched with his tenderness and many acts of loving kindness. He was blessed with many natural talents as an athlete, musician, linguist and artist, who had performed with the junior symphony and often for his family. His love of animals was a true gift. He always greeted everyone with his beautiful sweet smile. His blue eyes seemed to reach into everyone he met. He always met his mom at the door with an arm and a laugh, helping her get into the house. He loved his dad and step-mother and would often go to dinner and the movies with them. He called each of us several times a day to let us know that he was loving and praying for us. He loved his big brother, and wanted to be just like him. He bought several shirts that said "I Heart Mary", which he wore frequently for his baby sister whom he adored. He was known to have learned more French

sister did in four years. He would also want to speak French when he called, and when his sister would respond with "Je Ne Sais Pas", he would kindly respond with "Je T'aime ma soeur." This last New Years was very special, he wanted to go out and ring in the new year in style, so his oldest sister took him out. We counted down the end of 2007 and talked about how wonderful the new year would be. Those who were blessed to know him. loved him. He is survived by his mother, Margaret Bracewell of Ukiah, his father and stepmother, William and Nancy Bracewell of Ukiah, his sister Christina Lovaas of San Jose, Ca., his brother Michael of Ukiah, his sister Mary Bracewell of San Diego, Ca., his step-sister Lisa Hayes of San Jose, Ca, his step-brother and his wife Howard and Rita Hayes of San Jose, Ca., his grandmother, Jean Bracewell of Dublin, Ga., his aunt Bonnie Smith, of Sugar Hill, Ga., his uncle, Bobby Smith, Alpharetta, his Ga., Ranna, Ken cousins; Peyton and Ashton Edwards of Alpharetta, Ga., Robby and Caitlin Smith of Sugar Hill, Ga. He was preceded in death by his grandfather George R. Bracewell of Dublin, Ga., and his grandfather and grandmother James and

Mary's Church at 1:00 p.m. with reception to follow. http://james-georgebracewell.memory-of.com

Williams

Ridgewood, New Jersey, his

uncle John Christopher

Williams of Ridgewood,

New Jersey and his aunt

Mary Elizabeth Williams of

Ridgewood, New Jersey. A

viewing will be held at

Eversole Mortuary on

Sunday 6 January, from 1:00 to 5:00p.m. Funeral

services will be held

Monday 7 January, at St.

Lillian



**ERIC GORE** 

Francis (Egore) of Ukiah passed away in his home on Wednesday January 2, 2008. He was 38 years old. Eric was born on June 27th, 1969 to loving parents Ed and Pat Gore. A celebration of his life will be Wednesday held on January 9th, 2008 at Christ Church of the Golden Rule (Ridgewood Ranch) 16200 N. Highway 101, Willits at 11:00ÅM.

Eric was born in Sunnyvale, CA. Shortly after his family moved to Carson City Nevada where they lived until the death of his father in 1975. Pat, Eric and Craig were forced to move back with family who resided at the Christ Church of the Golden Rule. There he lived until he married his wife Stephanie.

Eric was preceded in death by his father Edwin Francis Gore in 1975. He is survived by his wife Stephanie Gore and his two girls Michelle and Moriah Moncivais of Fort Bragg, his mother Pat Gore of Willits, his brothers Graig and Edwin of Willits, sisters Violet Baxter and Diana Pinsky, his niece Kellie and nephew Keith Gore of Redbluff, CA. His uncle Don and aunt Carol Mayden of Sacramento, uncle Bill and aunt Bonnie Bartholowmew of Willits and many more family and friends.

A special thanks to Shannon and Deanna Barney for their love and assistance during this tragic time. Thank you to everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

# The world briefly

### **Sprawling storm cripples** California mountains with 5 feet of snow, leaves thousands without power

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A dangerous layer of heavy snow covered the Northern California mountains and a levee break flooded hundreds of homes in Nevada on Saturday as a major storm continued pummeling the West Coast.

Thousands of homes and businesses had been blacked out in California, Oregon and Washington and thousands of residents had been told to leave their homes in mudslideprone areas of Southern California. The mandatory evacuation orders were later lifted, though residents were urged to stay away from

Avalanche warnings were posted for the backcountry of the central Sierra Nevada and flash flood warnings were in effect for many areas of Southern California, where large swaths of hillsides had been denuded by the fall's wildfires.

Remote sensors and ski areas in the high Sierra Nevada had recorded up to 5 feet since Friday morning, and the west side of the Lake Tahoe Basin already had 4 to 5 feet by Friday night, the National Weather Service office in Reno, Nev., said Saturday.

### Does Barack Obama's win in Iowa show U.S. is colorblind in presidential race?

UNDATED (AP) — Ray Ballentine was waiting for a sign to throw his support to Barack Obama. And when Obama coasted to victory in Iowa's caucuses, there it was - evidence that the senator had the broad racial appeal to get to the White House.

"I did have some reservations before, but he certainly got my vote now," Ballentine said, eating a brisket and roast turkey salad with hush puppies at The Q Shack, a barbecue joint in Raleigh, N.C. "I was sort of undecided, but I feel like he can win the presidency.'

Obama's convincing win in Thursday's caucuses in Iowa — a state with just a smattering of minority voters — demonstrated the Illinois senator's support crosses racial lines and bolstered the notion that America is receptive to electing its first black president.

Whether Obama's appeal stretches beyond the farm fields of Iowa will become clear over the next month as the freshman senator faces a series of tests on different political terrain beginning with Tuesday's primary in New Hampshire, another overwhelmingly white

But for Ballentine, who had been wavering between Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Obama, Iowa was a tipping point. Like many paigned in the state.

black voters, he says, he was looking for proof that Obama could garner white support. Yet he wonders if the rest of the nation is as willing as Iowa to embrace the idea of a black president.

### Iraqi soldier accused of killing 2 U.S. service members on joint patrol

BAGHDAD (AP) — An Iraqi soldier is accused of turning on two decorated American servicemen and shooting them to death during a joint operation in northern Iraq, the U.S. military said Saturday. An Iraqi official said the suspect may have links to militant groups.

The shooting the day after Christmas in the northern city of Mosul, which left three other U.S. soldiers and a civilian interpreter wounded, was the second known attack by a member of the Iraqi military on the American troops who train and work closely with Iraqi forces.

Initial results from an Iraqi investigation indicate that the soldier who opened fire may have links to local militants, said Brig. Mutaa Habib Jassim al-Khazrachi, commander of the Iraqi army's 2nd Division, who did not elabo-

Brig. Nour al-Din Hussein, commander of the Iraqi army's 4th Brigade, 2nd Division in Mosul said the Iraqi soldier was a Sunni from the al-Qayara area south of Mosul city.

Parts of Mosul are considered strongholds of the Sunni extremist group al-Qaida in Iraq.

### **Romney wins Wyoming** Republican caucuses; attention to state pays off

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) - Mitt Romney captured his first win of the Republican presidential race on Saturday, prevailing in Wyoming caucuses for a much-needed boost to his candidacy three days before the New Hampshire primary.

The former Massachusetts governor won eight delegates, former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson got two and California Rep. Duncan Hunter won one, meaning no other candidate could beat Romney. Caucuses were still being held to decide all 12 delegates at stake.

The victory was a welcome development for Romney, coming two days after his loss to Mike Huckabee in the Iowa caucuses and three days before the first-in-the-nation primary in New Hampshire. Those two states have attracted most of the political attention. Wyoming had scheduled its GOP county conventions earlier to attract candidates to the state but had only modest results.

Romney visited Wyoming in August and November and three of his five sons camPlease sign the guest book at www.ukiahdailyjournal.com. Funeral notices are paid announcenotices please call our classified department at 468-3529.

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# Curtis W. Parker

ixty three years ago this past December, Curtis W. Parker from Ukiah gave his life for his country. Not many remember that. Not many remember World War II and the impact that was felt by every American family, including the 54 Mendocino County families who lost a loved one. But the Parker family remembers. And quietly for 63 years they have grieved for Curtis and remembered him.

It took a 17-year-old Belgian, Thomas, to again remind us of the great sacrifice that American families paid for his country's freedom in 1944 and 1945.

Thomas has recently adopted Curtis' grave at Henri-Chapelle American Military Cemetery in Belgium. He wanted to know more about the man whose grave he adopted, and he asked for help in finding Curtis' family. Marilyn Bowers Jensen from Denver, Colo.



'Whether our lives and our deaths were for peace and a new hope, or for nothing, we cannot say . . . We leave you our deaths. Give them their meaning. We were young. . . We have died. Remember us.'

> The Young Dead Soldiers Archibald MacLeish 1892-1982 American poet

responded to Thomas' appeal. Her father served in the same Regiment as Curtis and she has considerable information about the Division. She placed a notice in The Ukiah Daily Journal.

Curtis' best friend, Lloyd Hull, saw the notice and immediately called his daughter, Linda Thompson. Not only was Lloyd Hull Curtis' best friend, but he had married Curtis' first cousin, Cordie Gaches. Linda and another cousin, Ron Parker, are the family historians. They went to work locating pictures and collecting memories of Curtis for Thomas.

Sergeant Curtis W. Parker was with the 134th Infantry Regiment of the 35th Division of General Patton's Third Army. He was killed in action Dec. 30, 1944, near Lutrebois, Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge. At the time of his death, Curtis was in heavy battle against the enemy.

According to the 134th Infantry Regiment, Report of Action Against the Enemy dated Jan. 4, 1945, on Dec. 29 to Dec. 31, 1944, "A heavy counterattack from the high ground and the woods Northeast of Lutrebois was received. Enemy infiltration through the gaps in the wide front occupied by the Regiment penetrated to within 400 yards of the Arlon-Bastogne Highway, but did not succeed in cutting that route. The enemy continued to counteract throughout the 30th and 31st of December . . .

Curtis William Parker was born to Luther Leonard Parker and Nettie Pearl Chambers on May 1, 1923, in northeastern Oklahoma. He was the youngest of four children. Around 1936, when Curtis was entering his teens, his parents along with brother, Luther, and sisters, Audry (Dolly) and Lois, moved from Oklahoma to Mendocino County, settling in

While attending Ukiah High School he met and became close friends with Lloyd Hull. Lloyd recalls his friend: "We were both shy boys, but we loved the outdoors. Curtis and I spent our leisure hours hunting, trapping and fishing in the area. During the summer, like many other Ukiah teenagers, we worked picking grapes or helping out at one of the local

'Curtis introduced me to his first cousin, Cordie Gaches. It was love at first sight."

Curtis and Lloyd spent as much time together as they could. They even double-dated. Lloyd graduated from Ukiah High in 1942, joined the Army in 1943 and married Curtis' cousin, Cordie, in 1944. They were married for 61 years.

Curtis graduated from Ukiah High a year later, in June of 1943, and in August he enlisted in the Army. During that same month, his mother, Pearl, passed away. He worked his way from private to sergeant, and in August of 1944 he was sent overseas to the European

Curtis' brother, Luther, was also in the Army in a field artillery unit. Luther injured his back and was sent home with a medical discharge shortly after Curtis was sent to Europe. His recently widowed father moved from Low Gap Road to a house on Boonville Road. It was there he received the news that his son Curtis was missing in action in Belgium.

The newspaper makes note of this fact: "Len Parker of the Boonville Road received word Sunday that his son, Sergeant Curtis Parker, had been missing in action since December 30. Sergeant Parker was with the Third Army in Belgium and went overseas last August."

But Curtis wasn't missing. He was dead. By the time his family was notified that he had been killed in action, he was buried in the temporary military cemetery at Foy, near Bastogne, in Plot F, Row 11, Grave 256. In 1948, he was interred in the Henri-Chapelle Cemetery in Plot E, Row 16, Grave 66.

There Sergeant Parker found his final resting place among his buddies, far away from home and friends and family. And he receded in the memories of those who loved him.

But he now has a friend in Belgium, who reminds us of Curtis' sacrifice and who will visit him frequently. Sergeant Curtis William Parker is remembered.



Article and photos submitted by:

Marilyn Bowers Jensen, daughter of PFC Rex M. Bowers, Company C., 134th Infantry Regiment, 35th Division, killed in action Jan. 25, 1945, at Weiswampach, Luxembourg

Linda Hull Thompson, daughter of Lloyd and Cordie Hull, Sgt. Curtis W. Parker's first cousin



The grave of Ukiah native Curtis W. Parker at Henri-Chapelle American Military Cemetery in Belgium was recently adopted by a 17-year-old Belgian named Thomas, shown above. Parker (top photo, taken in December 1944 in Paris) was killed in action on Dec. 30, 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge.

### 25 years ago

Thursday, Jan. 6, 1983 Ukiah Daily Journal EDWOOD PARK PRICE TAG: L-P COUNTER-CLAIM COULD BOOST IT TO \$1 BILLION. Northern California's Redwood Park expansion, approved by congress in 1978, will cost taxpayers at least \$250 million more, according to a preliminary appraisal of the value of 25,600 acres of Northern California land acquired from Louisiana-Pacific for the park. The appraisal was released by the Justice Department on Tuesday.

The \$250 million figure would be in addition to the over \$206 million already distributed in three payments to L-P for the forced sale of what one company described as "some of the best timber growing land in the world.'

But Portland based L-P intends to file a counter-claim that could push the total price-tag of the park expansion to well over \$1 billion.

The company is also planning an appeal of a Justice Department fine of \$4 million imposed last week for failure to comply with a 1979 antitrust decision.

The preliminary appraisal was issued this week to help settle litigation over the disputed value of property taken by the government during the park expansion.

A final appraisal is due May 1 and a full settlement is expected later this year.

WHAT'S THAT SIREN? During the month of December, the Redwood Valley-Calpella Volunteer Fire Department responded to the following emergency calls:

December 3 - Ellen Lynn, chimney fire.

December 7 - Redwood Lane, medical aid. December 11 - Road B, control burn out of control.

December 18 - Oak Grove, fire call. December 19 - Road E, medical aid.

December 20 - Road I, structure fire.

December 21 - Road B, medical aid. December 22 - Calpella, medical aid.

December 23 - Highway 101, medical aid. December 24 - Uva Dr., medical aid.

December 26 - Green Acres, medical aid.

December 26 - Kickapoo Ln., medical aid. December 28 - School Way, medical aid.

Chief Delbert Phelps would like to denote that the number of medical aid calls has increased these past few months.

FD OFFERS BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING. A pilot program will be offered by the Ukiah Fire Department as an additional service to the community, beginning this week. Firefighters will participate in a blood pressure checking program at the Senior Citizens Center, 495 Leslie Street.

Free checking of blood pressure will be conducted every Thursday from 9 a.m. until 12-noon at the center. In addition, blood pressures may be checked Sundays between

# THIS WAS NEWS



**JODY MARTINEZ** 

2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the fire stations located at 369 So. School Street and 1800 No. State Street.

AFFORDABLE HOMES PRESENTS ANOTHER SENSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE HIGH COST OF HOUSING. Open House Saturday, Jan. 8, ... Carrigan Lane, 3 Bedroom - 2 Bath Home, 1120 Sq. Ft. of Living Area! Built on Your Level Lot for Only \$38,750.

### 50 years ago

Monday, Jan. 6, 1958 **Ukiah Daily Journal** 

PRESIDIO TEAM TO INSPECT UKIAH RESERVE. Ukiah's Army Reserve unit, of the third battalion, 352nd Infantry regiment, 91st division, comprising 11 officers and 30 enlisted men, tonight will stand its annual command proficiency inspection before high ranking military officers from the Presidio of San Francisco.

The public is invited to watch the command inspection team from the Presidio check the local Army Reserve unit's men, equipment and operations, starting at 7:45 p.m. at the U.S. Army Reserve unit headquarters, 734 B S. State Street.

The local reserve unit staff is composed of battalion commander Maj. Homer Cheek; executive officer Maj. T. D. Abercrombie; Hdqts. company commander Capt. Roger Wren; K company commander Capt. J. R. Chess; M company commander Capt. Richard H. Ingraham; and Capt. Clinton B. Goodman, senior advisor for the US Army Reserve area 10, and Capt. Ricard Cardinas, training center area supply officer for area 10, both stationed in Ukiah.

NEXT POLIO CLINIC SCHEDULED FRIDAY. The Department of Health reports that 325 polio shots were given at the clinic Friday, well distributed among age groups. The number was not as good as expected and there is some concern at the department that the vaccine on hand will be outdated before used unless greater interest is shown in the clinics.

Another clinic has been set Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m.

BURGLARS STEAL LEGGETT HIGH SCHOOL SAFE. Burglars carried away the 100-pound safe belonging to the Leggett Valley high school Friday or Saturday night, Principal Erling Dyrstad reported to Sheriff Reno Bartolomie.

The burglary was discovered Sunday afternoon when Dyrstad visited the school to check the building. He said the safe contained about \$25.

### 100 years ago

Friday, Jan. 3, 1908 **Dispatch-Democrat** 

NEW YEAR USHERED IN. WITH RINGING OF BELLS, BLOWING OF HORNS THE NEW YEAR IS ANNOUNCED. Despite the inclement weather Tuesday evening a good sized crowd stayed up till midnight to watch the old year die and to usher in the new year. In many homes there were watch parties and the youngsters had a great time sitting out the old year. At St. John's church there was a regular watch party service and many attended. The young idea had a time also, marching the muddy streets, blowing horns, and ringing bells. There were several dances to attract the young people also. Taking it all in all the new year was properly ushered in here in Ukiah, despite the rain and storm. Happy New Year.

A GOOD PLAY. The firemen gave their usual New Year's play last Wednesday evening at Marks' opera house. The house was crowded and the play was much enjoyed by all who saw it. All those that participated did remarkably well, and reflected great credit upon Mrs. T. J. Weldon, who drilled them. The play will be put on at the asylum tonight for the benefit of the patients.

THE ALBERTINUM ORPHANAGE. We hereby give notice that the following children were admitted into the Albertinum Orphanage Ukiah, Mendocino County, California, since the last publication, January 1908.

Half orphans: Alopius Fuseher age 2 years; Angeldo Blanco age 2 years.

Dominican Sisters.

THE ALBERTINUM ORPHANAGE. We hereby express our most sincere thanks to our many friends in Ukiah who so kindly donated toward the children's Christmas dinner and adornment of the Christmas tree. We all unite with the children in wishing our kind benefactors a happy and prosperous year.

Dominican Sisters.

Jody Martinez can be reached at udjjm@pacific.net.

### Volunteer

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out desk or by calling 463-4490 or e-mailing Barbra at chapmanb@co.mendocino.ca.

### Lake Mendocino Army Corps of Engineers

· Volunteers needed for work at Lake outdoor Mendocino; indoor work is also available, in the offices and interpretive centers. For more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator Laura Smith at 467-4232.

### **Ukiah Senior Center**

• Volunteers to help with their Thrift Store -- some lifting, sorting and pickups.

• Volunteers who can fill in for dishwashers, set up and take down tables and chairs.

•Any volunteer who may have experience in local soliciting and fund-raising for special events. Contact volunteer coordinator Carmen Lucchesi at 462-5933 or the center at 462-4343.

### Mendocino County Releaf

• Tree planting in the Ukiah area during the months of December, January and February. For more information, contact Miles Gordon at 462-0244.

The Salvation Army Volunteer bell ringers for the Temporary Emergency Assistance Fund until Dec. 24. For more information contact Janet Cetani at 468-9577.

### California Conservation

• Provide leadership training to 18- to 23-year-old men and women.

• These skills include: skills, Math, Interview Literacy, Home Finance, and Basic Garment repair. For more information, contact LaVone Dyer at 463-2822

### **Family Strengths** Program

• This is a wrap-around program providing support to families to be able to keep a special needs child at home and prevent out-of-home placement.

Mentor Youth

• Group Activities Leaders. For more information contact Laurel Bleess at 463-4341

### The Ukiah and Willits **Family Center**

• Provide parenting education and support for families

• Child care, Play games, Read Stories, Organize Donations. For more information, contact Deborah Lovett at 463-4018

### Redwood Rancheria

• Provide financial literacy classes. For more information, contact Hai-Lee Sun at 458-0361.

### **Adult Literacy**

• Teach adults (16 and over) to read and write. For more information in Willits contact Katherine Moberg at 459-6527, in Ukiah call 463-

### Mendocino County Volunteer of the Year Awards (MCOVY)

 Annual dinner event that recognizes volunteers (adult and youth) in Mendocino County. This event is held in April. For more information, contact Vicki Sparkman or Tami Bartolomei at 462-2596.

### CASA (Court Appointed **Special Advocate**)

· An abused or neglected

child's voice in court. · CASA volunteers are people who work to keep children in the community safe. They are instrumental in walking with a child through the maze of the child welfare systems. A CASA volunteer is a part of the larger circle of adults who care about the child's well being. CASA is offering a 30 hour training to special people who would like to join the program. The coast volunteer training will be held on July 12 and 13, and July 19 and 20 in F 011 Bragg. An inland training will be held in Ukiah in the fall. For more information, call 463-6503.

### American Red Cross, & Mendocino Sonoma

•Actively training (first aid, CPR, disaster preparedness and much more) in Ukiah as well as on the coast.

•Volunteer & Youth Services Director Maggie O'Brien has weekly office in Ukiah Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (people can make appointments by calling 463-0112 at least the day before, or drop in) at the offices of North Coast Opportunities, 776 South State St., Suite 102B. Note: please do not call or North Coast Opportunities if you want to reach the Red Cross, as it does

not have phone or mail there. •Web site http://www.arcsm.org/index.p hp?pr=Mendocino\_County just go www.arcswm.org <a href="http://www.arcswm.org/">http://www.arcswm.org/">, click on Chapter Programs, then click on Mendocino County). Those activities are

•Prospective volunteers can call 463-0112, can contact Monti (monti@sonic.net) or can write to info@arcsm.org for general inquiries.

also throughout the Web site.

### West Company

• Any volunteers available for the month of January for an annual event called "Celebrate Business," which needs volunteers for servers and help in kitchen, with the

· Also in need for volunteers at the Commerce Cafe for marketing, accounting, law, financial, and planning expertise. Also in need for client tracking, follow up survey and clerical tasks such as copying, filing, phone relief, plant care.

For more information, contact Marlene at 468-3553 or visit www.westcompany.org.

### Willits Community

• Any volunteers available to help at the Food Bank to help with distribution of food, agency maintenance, and office work.

### For more information, contact Linda Myers at 459-3333. **Mendocino County 4-H**

• Any volunteer available from July 1 to 24, to help and chaperone summer camp. For more information, contact Linda Edgington at 463-4495 Or e-mail: ledgington@ucdavis.edu.

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### Veterans

• Any volunteers located in Mendocino County or Santa Rosa available to transport veteran patients to San Francisco V.A. Medical Center. For more information, call 463-4226.

### **Mendocino County Youth**

 Any volunteers interested in working with youth in the drop in center. Any adult volunteers for foster homes. For more information, contact Jerome Bouvier at 463-4915 Web site: www.mcyp.org

### **Plowshares Community Dining Room**

• Any volunteers to cook, serve and clean up, once a week or once a month, for

about two hours at a time. Until Jan. 11: between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. After Jan. 14: between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Contact Rhonda De Los Santos at 462-8582, or check the Web site at www.plowsharesfeeds.org.

### **Project Sanctuary**

 Project Sanctuary is a domestic violence and sexual assault crisis center, and is currently accepting volun-

For more information, contact Janet Larson at 462-9196.

· Any volunteers to work with juvenile offenders and victims. Must go through an eight-hour training. For more information, contact the VORP Office at 462-6160.

### Pomolita Middle School and Pomolita Club Live

· Any volunteers to help in the library, computer lab, music boosters and more. For more information, contact Vera Leach at 462-4721.

### **Department** Rehabilitation

· Any volunteers to do some office work, they will train in computer data work, filing and answering phones. For more information, contact Lucy at 463-6803; leave a message, and she will return your call. www.dor.ca.gov.

### Willits Seniors Inc.

• Needs volunteers to help in dining room from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Nadine at 459-6826.

### **Salvation Army**

• Any volunteers to help in August for the Child Spree at Mervyns in Ukiah, and two days before Thanksgiving to start the Bell Ring. For more information, contact Janet at 468-9577.

### **Big Brothers -- Big Sisters**

 Needs volunteers to mentor children ages 6 to 18, and for its storybook program for children of incarcerated people. For more information, call 463-4809.

### Redwood Children's Services

· Needs volunteers to help foster youth get their 50 hours behind-the-wheel time before their driver's license test. A volunteer needs to have a valid California driver's license and insurance as well as the time and willingness to allow a youth to drive his or call 467-2000.

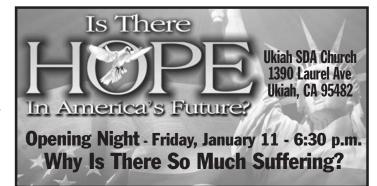
**Ukiah Valley Trail Group** • Will hold trail-building classes and trail days monthly.

Volunteers are needed to assist in building approaches and ramps to what will be a 50foot bridge. Volunteers should wear sturdy work clothes, and bring water and a bag lunch. For more information, call 972-0926 info@mendotrails.org.

### Ukiah Community **Center and Food Bank**

· Provides food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas; needs volunteers to help orga-

nize, box and distribute food. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, could use volunteers to assist in distributing food at the Food Bank. For more information, call Dayle Reed at 462-8879.





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### Cancer Mendocino Resource Center

· Provide support and information for those faced with cancer and their families For more information contact Ayn Reymen at 937-3833.

### Mendocino Food and **Nutrition Program**

· Assist in inventorying and distribution of salvaged food to needy families For more information contact Nancy Hoganson at 964-9404.

### Mendocino Area Parks **Association (MAPA)** · Raises money for education in local State Parks and

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- MAPA Abalone Festival Special event in Oct. For more information contact Birol Polay at 937-5397

### **Coast Botanical Gardens**

• Any volunteers to help in store, nursery and on the grounds. For more information, contact Rachel Miller at 964-4352.

### Redwood Coast Land Conservancy

• In need of any volunteers for the Red Bluff Trail, Phase I and II, located in Gualala. For more information, contact Shirley Eberly at 785-3327 Check out our web site: www.rc\_Ic.org, or e-mail us rclc@mcn.org

### Mendocino Food and **Nutrition Program**

• Any volunteers to help in the warehouse prepare food and distribute food. For more information contact Nancy at 964-9404 or e-mail her at foodbank@mcn.org

### Parents and Friends Inc.

• Any volunteers to help in busy thrift shop 2 hours a week. (sales clerk experience is helpful) F or more information, contact Laura at 964-

### Redwood Coast Seniors

 Any volunteers to work in dining room and thrift shop. For more information, contact Judith at 961-4305.

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# Levee ruptures in Fernley, Nev.

### 'There was water everywhere'

### By MARTIN GRIFFITH **Associated Press Writer**

FERNLEY, Nev. Maureen Tabata was used to flooding when she lived in Washington state. She never expected it in the high desert of northern Nevada.

"I woke up, looked outside and I couldn't believe it. There was water everywhere," she said after an irrigation canal's earthen levee ruptured early Saturday, flooding hundreds of homes in Fernley about 30 miles east of Reno.

Tabata, a retiree, and her husband were among dozens of people who had to be rescued by helicopters and boats across about a square mile of the rural town.

"We did our best to block the water but it came rushing in through the doors and garage. The force of the water knocked over the TV," Tabata

"All of our furniture, carpet everything is destroyed. It's just unbelievable," she said. "It's all muddy. I never thought I'd experience anything like this in Nevada. It's like if you don't laugh, you'll cry, because everything is

Lyon County Fire Chief Scott Huntley was one of the first on the scene after a section of the Truckee Canal up to 150 feet long broke just after 4 a.m. following a day of heavy rains.

"We had a 50-foot wall of water about 2 feet high going down Farm District Road, Huntley said. "In some places folks had to deal with 8 feet of water. Firefighters were in chest-deep water making res-

No injuries were reported, but as many as 3,500 people were temporarily stranded and an estimated 1,500 ended up being displaced from their homes, Huntley said Saturday night. About 25 people remained at a shelter set up at the local high school after a peak of about 150 had been there earlier in the day.

"It was like our house was dropped in the middle of the river," said Eric Cornett, who estimated the water was about back yard was completely flooded. It was just nothing 2 feet deep and rising fast but water," she said. "We just when he was able to drive away from his home about 7 a.m. with his wife and three

children. "Garbage cans and pieces of wood were floating down the street," he said. "We saw water coming in the back door and tried to grab as much stuff as possible to save it. The water was rising very quickly and it was scary. The water was freezing. I couldn't even feel my feet.'

As the water receded and immediate danger passed by midmorning, Fernley Mayor Todd Cutler said he had reports of damage to at least 300 to 400 homes.

"I think the damages are going to be discovered more and more as we go on through

the day," Cutler said. U.S. Sens. Harry Reid and John Ensign said in a statement after a conference call with officials for the Federal Emergency Management Agency that FEMA officials would travel to Fernley to conduct a damage assessment on Monday.

One official suggested burrowing rodents could have contributed to the break in the levee along with the heavy rains but the cause wasn't

"We have to look at the weather as the culprit right now, but we are not sure of that," Huntley said.

The flooded homes were mostly in newer subdivisions of the century-old agricultural town that has grown in recent decades to about 20,000 people, many of whom commute to Reno.

The nearby Fallon Naval Air Station provided two helicopters that aided rescue crews in pontoons in rescuing at least 18 people. Local residents in fishing boats rescued many more. Huntley said the total number of people rescued could approach 100.

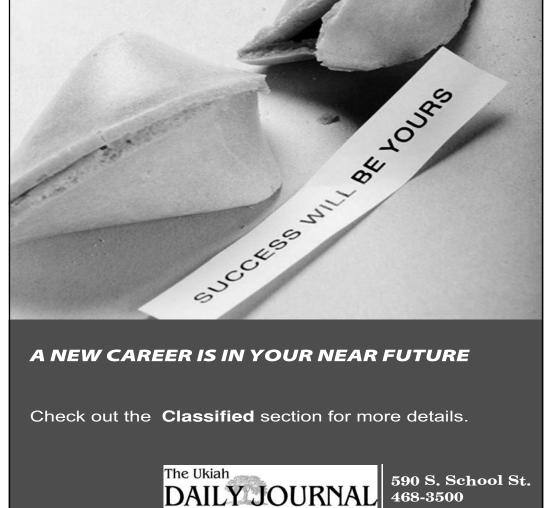
in their driveways and some were on top of their buildings," said Zip Upham, a spokesman for the Navy training facility.

"Some folks were standing

Kristin Watson fled her home that backs up to part of the canal.

"In 10 minutes the entire sort of panicked because we knew we had to get out of there real quick."





# 2007 wildfire season one of worst on record

**Bv KEITH RIDLER Associated Press Writer** 

BOISE, Idaho — Wildfires scorched an area four times the size of Yellowstone National Park and destroyed more than 5,200 buildings in 2007, one of the nation's worst fire seasons despite a record amount of retardant dropped by aircraft.

Boise-based National Interagency Fire Center reported nearly 14,000 square miles burned and the federal government spent more than \$1.8 billion fighting wildfires, making it the second costliest season on record.

Even though fire managers used 22.4 million gallons of fire retardant — nearly triple the 10-year average — the area burned in 2007 trails only 2006 when fire consumed 15,500 square miles.

The number of buildings burned in 2007 ranks second since current counting methods began in 1999, the 5,700 buildings destroyed in 2003, the fire center reported.

It was also the fourth consecutive year that flames torched more than 12,500 square miles, an amount not previously recorded until 2004, with records going back to 1960.

"The world we're dealing with in fire suppression is changing," said Lyle Carlile, chair of the fire center's National Multiagency Coordinating Group and one of seven people who decide where to position U.S. wildfire fighting resources during the fire season. "We just can't continue to do business the same way. We don't

from to handle the situations we're faced with.'

Fire managers said a lengthening drought, hotter temperatures across much of the U.S., and an increased number of homes built in fire-prone wildland areas contributed to the severity of the wildfire season.

Rose Davis, a spokeswoman for the center, said the last two years represent back-to-back fire seasons so fierce managers have been forced to change strategy.

'Our fire managers knew they couldn't do things the old way — the frontal or flank attacks were just too dangerous," she said. "In some places they had to steer the fire to natural breaks where they could fight it efficiently and not get anybody hurt or killed.

Seven wildland firefighters died in 2007 as a result of activities related to wildfires, one on a fireline, said Davis. In 2006, 24 firefighters died, 12 on firelines.

About 15,000 wildland firefighters deployed during the season, and the U.S. asked for and received help from Canada with five hand crews of 20 firefighters each. The fire center in Boise remained on its highest alert level from mid-July to the end of

In December, the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration's National Climatic Data Center released preliminary data that predicted the annual average temperature for 2007 across the contiguous United States at near 54.3

have enough firefighters to draw degrees Fahrenheit — which would Milford Flat fire in western Utah was human-caused fire is estimated at make the year the eighth warmest since records were first kept in 1895.

Davis said extended drought also contributed to the 2007 wildfire sea-

The fire season started very early with the large, unusual fires in the East, in Georgia," said Davis. "As it moved to the Western U.S., almost every section of the country issued fire behavior alerts."

Alerts warn firefighters about elevated danger based on weather and potential fuel, including how susceptible trees, brush and grasslands are to fire based on how dry conditions have become. Carlile said years of fire suppression in some areas have made those areas more difficult to protect.

"We cannot keep fires out of these fire-dependent ecosystems," he said. That is just not sustainable. Fuels are going to build up and it's just going to escalate."

Nearly 80,000 wildfires started in 2007, the fire center reported, about 85 percent the result of human activity and the rest lightning strikes. Initial attacks by a web of firefighters who react quickly put out all but about 2 percent of those wildfires, but some that got away became memorable:

In Georgia and Florida, the season started in April with wildfires that lasted several months and burned more than 900 square miles, the Southeast's biggest wildfire since 1898, according to the fire center.

At about 550 square miles, the

the largest wildfire in that state's history. Five people died, including a California couple riding a motorcycle when smoke swept Interstate 15 on July 7.

Idaho had the most area burned in the U.S. in 2007 with 3,100 square miles. That included the 78-square mile Castle Rock fire in August that forced the evacuation of more than 2,000 homes in the resort area of Ketchum in central Idaho and caused Sun Valley Resort to run its snowmaking equipment in a successful bid to protect a \$12 million ski lodge atop Bald Mountain.

The Murphy complex of fires, started by lightning in late July, burned an area on the Idaho-Nevada border larger than Rhode Island. The fire blackened grassland used by cattle, and wildlife habitat that supports sensitive species such as sage

The Angora fire in June burned 3,100 acres and destroyed 254 homes on the west side of Lake Tahoe in California.

The Zaca fire that started on July 4 in southern California burned some four months and 375 square miles to become the second-largest wildfire in that state's history, threatening ranches and vineyards in the Santa Ynez Valley.

The Nov. 24 Malibu fire in southern California, fanned by Santa Ana winds, put the bookend to the season, destroying more than 50 homes, 35 other structures and burning about 5,000 acres. The total cost of the \$100 million, and six firefighters were injured.

Carlile said wildfires that threaten homes get top priority because lives and buildings are at risk. But he also said homes built in areas prone to wildfire use fire fighting resources that might otherwise be sent else-

"The expansion of the wildlandurban interface continues to challenge us," he said. "Everybody wants to live out next to the forest. That expansion becomes high value areas we have to protect."

Smokejumpers, who parachute out of airplanes, have seen their roles change in recent years from jumping into remote areas to jumping into more easily accessible areas where initial attack is considered a key to stopping fires before they get big, said Eric Reynolds, chief of the Bureau of Land Management smokejumpers in Boise.

"Because of the experience, our crews are in demand more than ever on those emerging fires," he said.

The Boise base is one nine smokejumping bases in the U.S., and Reynolds said the 83 smokejumpers in Boise combined to go on 926 fire

"There were a couple real barn burners," he said.

On the Net:

National Interagency Fire Center: http://www.nifc.gov/

National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration: http://www.noaa.gov

# Romney, McCain have most to lose in New Hampshire

### Huckabee looks for Iowa bounce

By LIZ SIDOTI **Associated Press Writer** 

WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney and John McCain are the Republicans with the most to lose in New Hampshire. Mike Huckabee is looking for a bounce from his Iowa caucus triumph.

With only a long weekend until the nation's first primary, none of the candidates has room for error in a presidential race that has grown even more fluid.

"People are saying they want to see Washington change, and John McCain is not a candidate of change," Romney argued Friday. He also cast the Arizona senator as disloyal for breaking with President Bush on tax cuts and from GOP hard-liners on immigration.

Countering, McCain chided his opponent for running a negative campaign and said: "We're ending up on a real strong positive note." Then he suggested Romney is inauthentic, declaring: "I have not changed my position on every major issue every couple of years."

The tit-for-tat added fuel to an already bitter showdown between the two in the final days of the New Hampshire campaign. Critical TV ads have been on the air, and the zingers on the ground are sure to grow sharper as each candidate seeks an edge. Polls show the pair in a dead heat as both seek comebacks, Romney from his crushing loss in Iowa and McCain from a summertime collapse.

Defeat in New Hampshire could seriously wound either

of them — perhaps mortally. "Both Romney and McCain have to win New Hampshire; one of them is

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going to have a disappointing night," said Scott Reed, who managed Republican Bob Dole's campaign in 1996.

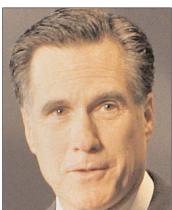
Romney's strategy of using victories in the first two states to steamroll to the nomination failed with his second-place Iowa finish. The former govof neighboring Massachusetts desperately needs to win in New Hampshire to prove his candidacy is still intact.

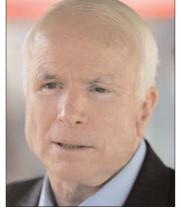
Romney seemingly has the money and organization to pull it off — but both were for naught in Iowa, casting doubt that they will matter this time. Hemmed in by time, Romney is unlikely to overhaul his staff or shift tactics dramatically.

McCain must produce a win to prove he is, in fact, back. His rebel streak helped him appeal to independents and seize New Hampshire in his first bid in 2000, and he now needs a repeat.

The one-time presumed GOP nominee found his campaign in shambles six months ago and pinned his revival on a game plan that starts with a New Hampshire victory. He has earned endorsements from a slew of newspapers. And he is campaigning with Sen. Joe Lieberman, Al Gore's onetime Democratic running mate, in hopes of preventing an exodus of independent voters to the Democratic race and Barack Obama.

Huckabee, for his part, is downplaying any need to solidify his front-runner status with a second straight win. He has little choice: His campaign is overwhelmed, he trails in New Hampshire polls







Mitt Romney and John McCain are the Republicans with the most to lose in New Hampshire. Mike Huckabee is looking for a bounce from his lowa caucus triumph.

steps lately.

We certainly come into this scene with momentum," Huckabee said, likening his bid to "a house afire." But he added: "We also know that we not win First Hampshire." place "might be a little much" in such a short time span, Huckabee said, and he suggested that South Carolina and Florida appeared stronger states for him.

He is mindful that New Hampshire's political environment — with more secular voters than Christian evangelicals and more emphasis on economic topics than social issues — may not be as kind to a Baptist preacher turned Arkansas politician with a mixed record on taxes.

Other candidates are in the mix to varying degrees.

Ron Paul, the libertarian Texas congressman with the anti-war bent, came in fifth in Iowa despite his grass-roots supporters, but his pitch could resonate more in the Northeastern state whose motto is "Live Free or Die." He has languished in polls but

and he has been prone to mis- could be a spoiler, siphoning enough, thus, rendering his voters from others.

Fred Thompson, a former actor and senator from failed to compete in New Tennessee, hopes to capitalize on a virtual tie for third with McCain in Iowa, but he's abandoning the North in favor of the friendly South. "It's all about South Carolina," he said. Virtually broke, he's counting on a money surge. Aides say the cash is accumulating. He may not get

bid one in name only.

Rudy Giuliani tried but Hampshire; he poured \$3 million into ads there only to watch his standing drop. The former New York mayor is focused on later-voting Florida in hopes a victory there will start a delegate-rich big-state march to the nomination. These days, he's largely absent from the campaign nar-

rative. That could allow him to re-emerge as a fresh face later this month. Or it could make him irrelevant for good. No one can be counted out;

most wide-open Republican presidential race in half a century remains volatile. That's a consequence of the absence of an heir apparent to President Bush. Vice President Dick Cheney doesn't want the job, and there's no natural establishment candidate.

"What's so amazing about this election cycle is that everything that's happened from the beginning, including in Iowa, has made it more open and more fluid, whereas usually the effect of the process is to winnow down the candidates," said Ken Mehlman, Republican Party chairman who ran Bush's re-election campaign four years ago.

New Hampshire might just start thinning the field.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Liz Sidoti covers presidential politics for The Associated Press.

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### Maybe next year ....

To the Editor:

I meditate at midnight on the last day of every year at midnight.

There are far too many crazy people out there, and that includes the cops.

So I meditate.

I try to determine if the United States of America has grown in any positive manner by any measure in the past year.

But, since most of us cannot banish thoughts of this God forsaken Iraqi War, musing about any possible domestic social integration is nearly impossible.

American democracy is intended to be

for the public good of all. Has our country taken steps to achieve

that goal during the past year? Are we qualified to try to teach any other country to become democratic if we cannot conduct an honest election in our own country?

Why do we try to bully other nations into giving up weapons of mass destruction when we do not have the courage to do the same?

Why do so many of our citizens not even take the trouble to vote?

They must think that democracy is cheap?

Why are we trying to buy the Iraqi citi-

zens into democracy? Does anybody really think that bribery will make people moral?

And yet my meditation concludes with warm thoughts toward the working people of America who defend against corporate oppression and who still believe that there is a common sectarian good in all of us.

Maybe next year we will be more civil.

**Marvin Gentz** Ukiah

### **Stands by his statement**

To the Editor:

On New Year's Day the Journal published a letter from Dr. Rudolph Light, PhD, of Redwood Valley, who disagreed with one sentence in my Sunday View column of December 16th ("When Conservation Isn't Conservation").

I generally have no interest in getting into detailed slo-mo exchanges with readers with opposing views. But in this case Dr. Light implied that the following sentence of mine was untrue: "As long as you keep the size below 50 acre feet of water storage per pond there's no permit of any kind from any government agency

I stand by that statement, and nothing in Dr. Light's lengthy letter proved otherwise.

Instead, Dr. Light pointed out that diverting water from a stream requires a diversion permit involving lots of burdensome bureaucratic paperwork and government review. He agreed that ponds OVER 50-acre feet require permits, noting that the state Department of Dam Safety must approve them. (Ponds over 50-acre-feet also require a County grading permit, but Dr. Light didn't mention that.)

But intermingling information about pond construction with diversion permit requirements is misleading.

I never said that diverting water was permit free; I said ponds below 50 acre-feet in size were permit free. And they are. All you need is a simple permit exemption from the County. (And the County does not check to see if the pond you asked for an exemption for is the pond you actually built. You could build it bigger than 50-acre feet and you could build it in a location other than where you mentioned in the exemption application -- the County doesn't check.)

It doesn't take a PhD to see that if you want more than 50 acre-feet of storage capacity, all you have to do is make sure you keep your ponds below 50 acre-feet.

Most of the state diversion permit applications I've seen (and I've seen dozens) are for permission to divert water into "existing" ponds. Therefore, there's no state per-

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# Letters from our readers In our opinion Let the people decide

Board of Supervisors is scheduled to have a discussion about putting a ballot proposition on the local June ballot to repeal the 25-plant Measure G and limit medical marijuana growing to the six plants per person allowed under state regulations.

We believe there is good reason to say yes to this idea.

When Measure G was passed we had no state regulations to follow to regulate medical marijuana growing. Now we do.

When Measure G was passed we had seen little local impact of the abuses of medical marijuana growing. Now we have

Measure G was an experiment that simply didn't work.

Commercial marijuana cultivation has become one of the fastest growing "industries" in our county. It is making local neighborhoods unsafe, creating an growing unskilled underground workforce, and exposing us to environmental hazards.

Also distressing are the millions of dollars being made off the truly sick and dying who are being charged street prices for this "medicine" these greedy no-limit growers are harvesting at our expense.

Measure G supporters will say that

Measure G has nothing to do with medical marijuana and that protecting mom and pop personal use growers is still a good idea in this county.

The problem with Measure G is that it has been used as the excuse to let medical marijuana growers claim they need 25 plants per

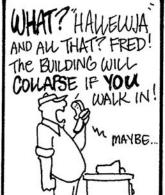
On Tuesday, the Mendocino County person. Then when they also claim they have four five or 10 people to grow for as "caregivers," another commercial marijuana garden is born. Measure G has made it almost impossible for our Sheriff and District Attorney to crack down on the abuses of medical marijuana growing since we have a local ordinance allowing anyone to grow 25 plants.

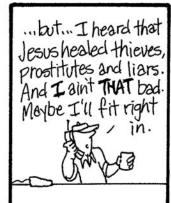
Even if we repeal Measure G, anyone growing one or two, or even six healthy marijuana plants - more than enough for anyone's personal use or any patient's medicine - is not going to be prosecuted in this county as a simple practical matter since six plants will be the rule for medical marijuana

By repealing Measure G and its 25-plant rule, we eliminate the excuse for the greedy commercial growers in our neighborhoods to have gardens of sometimes hundreds of plants. And more important we send a message to the growers, our Sheriff and our District Attorney, that it is time to reverse our lax attitude about these out-of-control pot growers and bring some safety and sanity back to our marijuana growing policies.

If you agree, now is the time to let your supervisors know. Better yet, come to Tuesday's meeting. The discussion is scheduled after 1 p.m. Let them see you in their chambers as they make this decision. Remember, this decision is only to put a repeal on the ballot so that the citizens can decide. No supervisor should object to that.









As far as diverting water into a pond

off" in your permit-free pond, only if you

also pump from a stream onto your proper-

ty, but you can't store it without a permit.)

As many pond owners know, however, it's

pretty easy to put the water pumped from a

Once it's in the pond all you have to do is

stream without a permit into your pond.

say it's "run-off" and nobody can argue.

Dr. Light also asserts that California

Fish & Game has jurisdiction over ponds.

Game is only interested in on-stream and

As long as the pond is off-stream Fish &

the State's Fish & Game code. Fish &

in-stream activities.

But the word "pond" doesn't even occur in

want to "divert" water from a stream on

your property into your pond. (You can

goes, you don't need a permit to store "run-





Game has no role.

The last State Water Board aerial survey of Anderson Valley, alone, discovered hundreds and hundreds of vineyard ponds, most of which were unregistered and unpermitted -- no permits for construction or diversion.

What did the State Water Board do about all these ponds? They sent letters to as many of the pond owners as they could identify and ASKED them (NOT require them) to file permit applications -- IF they were diverting water into them. Very few bothered to file permit applications because it would be an admission that they were illegally diverting. The few who did file, did it so that they would have a registered priority diversion in case someday there was a dispute about who could divert in a

See LETTERS, Page A-7

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### Assignment: Ukiah

By Tommy Wayne Kramer

### Skateboard park needs more meetings

It's 2008 -- do you know where the Ukiah Skatepark is? Here's a hint: It's in the exact same location that it was in 2005, and in 2002, and in 1996, and in 1989, and in 1984.

In other words, it's in your imagination. Or perhaps it's in the imagination of that talented batch of hardworking city hall folks who toil tirelessly in their quest to service the public, good and hard.

It's been a quarter century of promises made and meetings held, yet not a ribbon has been cut, a vacant lot cleared or a cornerstone laid. Just additional studies and delays and warm balloonjuice directed at the citi-

The planning commission just needs one more status report, y'understand. It needs more input from neighbors, and that meeting is scheduled for August. There's also grant money to be obtained, because that other grant money went to funding the feasibility study that led to the review board requesting that a task force recruit a core of volunteers. That group also meets in August. Of 2012.

Meanwhile, the city cares about citizen concerns. Also, your call is very important to us. We just need more money to actually complete your call.

Have you ever heard the tale of old Anton Stadium, and how it came to be? More than 50 years ago, right here in this very town, a group of working class guys got together and built a ballpark. They built it themselves from the ground up, which means from the backstop to the foul pole in deep left field, and from the dugouts to the flagpole out in right.

And it was all donated: the time and the labor and the materials were all poured into one of the prettiest little parks in all of California. It was completed in less than a year. Our present city council spends a year debating the merits of allowing some guy to fly a flag over his house in the distant hills west of town.

For some 25 years the skatepark has been talked over, hashed over, planned over and glossed over. Private groups have held raffles and benefits to raise money. Local businesses have put up donation jars at cashier stands to collect money. And the city? Well, when the city wants money it knows how to get it.

Ukiah decided it needed money for two extra police officers a couple years ago, and to get it the city cheerfully force-fed three elections down our throats until the desired results were achieved: a tax increase to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars. For two cops.

It hasn't done anything remotely that ambitious for a skatepark that would, over decades, benefit thousands of local kids. (And let's be clear, dear readers, that your city council is made up of members who proudly proclaim themselves "progressives.")

When my daughter grew up in the 1980s and '90s many of her friends were interested in skating, and they talked about a park. These ex-youngsters are in their thirties now and don't talk much about a skatepark, which has no doubt been the city's strategy all along: If we wait long enough the kids'll shut up and grow up and it won't cost us a nickel.

About eight years ago my son and I went to a meeting at Vinewood Park where a city official pretended to talk serious about a new park. The city game plan worked again, as my son is now in college a thousand miles away, and is unconcerned about whatever progress is not being made regarding the skatepark.

A friend of mine is a local business owner. He told me that a few years ago he was in the market for a used pickup truck, and that he found one on a local car lot for \$22,000. He told the salesman to hold on to it, and that he'd bring his wife by for her to take a look. But that weekend his boys talked their parents into taking them to the skatepark in Healdsburg. To kill time while the kids skated, they toured a couple car lots in Healdsburg where they found a truck they liked. And they bought it. In Sonoma County. Any of the wizards who call themselves "public ser-

vants" paying attention?

Tommy Wayne Kramer and his lifelong pal Tom

Hine actually used to ride skateboards in the Midwest in the 1960s. No one did ollies or grabbed air.





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# SUNDAY VOICES

# Do the right thing

I am a volunteer at the Mendocino County Animal Care and Control Shelter. The shelter is, unfortunately, always full or over-full. I try to help by taking dogs out on walks -- a simple, but rewarding experience. The opinions below are mine.

Several days before Christmas, I witnessed an old hound dog being "surrendered" at the shelter. Suggestions were made to the dog's people to have their vet check the dog: perhaps medical care could help, or if the doctor and people agreed, humane euthanasia might be considered. But, this couple had plans, and the dog did not fit in, so surrendered -a.k.a. dumped -- she was.

When dogs first enter Animal Care and Control they are held for a certain amount of time before the shelter can do an examination to decide their fate. Knowing that, I went to visit the old girl the next day. She was shaking and agitated. I brought her home to foster and help give her back some dignity.

People surrender their dogs to shelters all the time, with a host of excuses: "the dog jumps, the dog digs or barks, the dog escapes, the dog is sick, the dog is too big or too active, the dog is old, we're going on a trip." These are problems of human inexperience or neglect, and often can be corrected. Here are suggestions:

### Another voice BY KATHY SHEARN

- · Dogs need exercise and companion-
- Take your dog to an obedience class (call Sallie Palmer of Well Mannered
- Mutts); • Give your dog a job to relieve his boredom; that could be more walking, an
- obedience or agility class; • Fix your fence and give your dog
- some toys and a job to keep him busy; • Take your dog to a vet, be proactive about his health by forming a relation-
- ship with your veterinarian; · Do research on dog breeds before you decide to bring a dog into your life:
- not all breeds will fit into your lifestyle; • Be sure you really have the time and patience to train and take care of a dog;
- Old dogs need special care -- talk with your vet;
- If your finances allow you to take a trip, you can probably afford a dog sitter (call Stay and Play in Willits, and Cradle

Cumulatively, however, these prolif-

erating vineyard ponds -- containing a

equivalent to a very large dam and are a

major reason our rivers and streams no

Mark Scaramella

lot of illegally diverted water -- are

Life for vote tampering

evidence about simple ways the 2004

After a \$1.9 million study, Ohio's

Ohio election could have been flipped.

Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner just

announced (Dec. 14) the voting systems

that decided the 2004 election in Ohio

were rife with "critical security fail-

ures." My anger peaked when I heard

how vote count computers could have

even been manipulated with a drive by

Manipulation of our democracy via

Wi-Fi (wireless) interaction.

I recently got mad hearing the newest

longer teem with fish.

To the Editor:

Springs in Hopland -- both great places to leave your dog while you vacation.)

• Call the AC&C Adoption Coordinator; she may be able to direct you to rescue groups, a good alternative to the shelter.

A dog is not a disposable item, but rather a being to whom we, as their caregivers, make a commitment. The shelter is not in the business of euthanasia by demand. Even though overworked and overcrowded, the staff at AC&C goes out of its way to ensure that every adoptable dog or cat gets the opportunity for a chance at a new home.

Next time you are lucky enough to share your life with a dog, make sure you realize your role in the relationship. Train, don't blame, your dog.

Getting old is inevitable, and it's likely your dog will become a senior before you. There are many ways to help a senior dog, and your vet can help. But, if your dog is at the point in her life when being set free is truly the best thing, shouldn't you be the one to make that difficult decision? Shouldn't you be the one with her then, and not strangers working for the county?

Don't foist your responsibilities off on others; do the right thing.

Kathy Shearn is a Ukiah resident.

vote tampering should be viewed as an

extreme offense. Let's get sponsors for

involvement with vote tampering pun-

ishable by life in prison. If vote tamper-

ing is not happening, there is no reason

to oppose extreme consequences for get-

Nothing wrong with satire

Apparently this person with such a

great command of the English language

with which he lambasts Mr. Kramer

doesn't appreciate or even understand

The word 'pompous' comes to mind.

William Self

**Gerald Bond** 

Ukiah

**Redwood Valley** 

ting caught. Such legislation would

focus attention on those opposed.

To the Editor:

satire. Say it ain't so.

federal legislation making known

# ON THE STREETS

# What is your hobby?



### Michael Rocanella Student Ukiah

"Skate boarding. It's fun and it passes the time ... I like the skate park in Willits and hope they hurry up and make one in



### Amea Rush **Barrista** Ukiah

"I'm into equestrian. I love horses. But when it rains it's not my hobby."



### **Barbara Adams** Retired Ukiah

"Making quilts and painting. I like to paint."



**Wendy Brouwer** 

"I work on my coin and sewing machine but it's



### Student Ukiah

stamp collection and I also do research. I'd sew on my down. And reading ... I like reading a lot."



### **Lorn Choate Security Officer**

"Model rocketry. And target shooting, I have to admit."



Will Carlstedt Retired Ukiah "I do cowboy action shooting. It's a competitive sport with scenarios you act out with vintage firearms.

Photos and interviews by Sarah Baldik

### Letters

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water shortage. The process was simply a courtesy to growers by the Water Board, not an enforcement action.

I apologize for going into all this technical detail, but it is necessary to show that, in spite of the burdensome sounding diversion permit requirements, they don't apply to off-stream ponds, and most pond builders know all to well how to fill them without drawing attention to themselves.

Personally, I have no problem with an individual grower who wants to build a small pond for irrigation, frost protection, stock watering or ducks, as long as they're honest and follow what few rules there are. But it's basically an honor system. Most pond owners aren't as rigorous as Dr. Light.

### Other opinions From around the nation

### Vacaville Reporter time for prison reform

A showdown is in the air, and it appears that 2008 will be the year California's dysfunctional prison system is reformed — come hell or high water.

It's not the best of scenarios. It would have been preferable that our governor or legislators corralled the beast, but even concerted efforts fell flat. While the governor did manage to put

through a \$7.9 billion bond that would create 53,000 new prison and jail beds, and even set aside some money for rehabilitation, it appears that Assembly Bill 900, approved in April 2007, was too little, too late.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's efforts to reduce prison population by sending inmates to facilities out of state were also stymied at every turn.

As a result, facilities that should house no more than 100,000 now hold an excess of 172,000, forcing the system's 33 institutions to double and triple bunk inmates and use every possible available bit of space, from gymnasiums to day

It has been a dangerous situation for both the inmates and the correctional officers who patrol the facilities. ...

In December, the Department of Corrections for as many as 33,000 California prisoners. A reduction of 33,000 is huge. But how quickly can prison officials get the gears in motion? ...

The real question is whether it will be soon enough to head off action by a panel of three federal judges that is trying to determine whether to take prison population decisions away from the state alto-

### **San Mateo County Times** No higher taxes

With California facing a possible \$14 billion budget deficit, it is not surprising that legislators and the governor are considering tax increases to close the gap. That is far from the best way to solve the state's fiscal problems.

Of course, they are not actually saying they are looking at higher taxes. Instead they are studying a recommendation by Legislative Analyst Elizabeth Hill to trim tax breaks. Reducing tax deductions,

exclusions and credits, however, has the same result as a tax rate increase: More individual and business revenue ends up in Sacramento.

Hill is not talking about some esoteric and Rehabilitation tax loopholes used by big business and announced that recent court decisions some of the wealthiest Californians. The will require it to recalculate release dates are enjoyed by millions of middleincome families and individuals.

At the head of the list is the home mortgage interest deduction, which saves state taxpayers \$5.3 billion a year.

This is a particularly difficult time to be talking about eliminating or sharply curbing this deduction. Foreclosure rates already are harming the economy. ..

Another major tax break on Hill's list is the one for employer pension contributions. Without this tax deduction, more employers could consider lowering or ending payments into employee pensions. ...

It makes sense for our lawmakers to take a look at all major tax breaks to determine whether some ought to be trimmed back or even eliminated. They need to consider, however, what the impact of tax increases resulting from the loss of tax breaks could have on the state's economy and on individual Californians.

# Dangerous learning

There is a saying, which has gotten some currency from professional football, that the best defense is a good offense. Of course, the critical word in that phrase is "good" -- which is what someone should have told Roy G. Jacobsen...

Following a successful college freshman year at Dartmouth, Jacobsen entered New York's Columbia University in 1951. He continued there until the end of his senior year in 1954, but because of poor grades did not graduate with his class. He also owed the university a little over \$1,000 in unpaid tuition, for which the university promptly sued him in a court in New Jersey, where Jacobsen lived.

In the middle of the case, his mother paid the outstanding tuition and the university dropped its suit. But by that time the case had taken on a whole new life, because Jacobsen filed a countersuit which more than made up in chutzpah what it lacked in legal validity. Jacobsen sued the university for fraud, claiming it had not provided him the education it promised.

His countersuit actually contained fifty separate allegations. According to the court that eventually sorted this out, Jacobsen alleged that the university had lied when it promised to teach him "wisdom, truth, character, enlighten-

# Judicial follies BY FRANK ZOTTER

ment, understanding, justice, liberty, honesty, courage, beauty and similar virtues and qualities: that it would develop the whole man, maturity, well-roundedness, objective thinking and the like.'

One has to wonder, of course, if he grasped the full meaning of what he was saying. Was he admitting to being unwise, false, lacking in character, unenlightened, and so forth?

According to the court, Jacobsen's course of study had shifted from civil engineering to social work, then to physics, and finally to English and creative writing. (If the lawsuit is any indication, he at least succeeded at that.) He criticized his professors, attended classes sporadically, and took tests and wrote term papers only when he chose.

Despite his own shortcomings, though, Jacobsen claimed that the school had misled him. But because, in those days, universities didn't advertise on late-night television or have

hawkers on the sidewalk, Jacobsen had to find another basis that he had been "defrauded."

For example, he claimed that the university catalogue was misleading when it claimed that, "Columbia College provides a liberal arts education." (Craftily, the school did not say a student would get a liberal arts education, only that it provided one.) He also complained about the inscriptions carved above doorways and in other places around campus, such as the one that said, "Wisdom dwelleth in the heart of him that hath understanding." Well -- if someone goes to all the trouble of carving something in stone, someone should be able to trust it -- right?

Jacobsen also took issue with the Columbia's motto, "In lumine tuo videbimus lumen." ("In your light we shall see light."). Still, it's somewhat hard to see what "promise" Jacobsen thought the motto was making. Did he believe, for example, that it promised he would become a lighthouse keeper?

Actually, Jacobsen's lawsuit raised two possibilities, neither of which was encouraging. Either an institution of Columbia's caliber (especially by 1951 standards) allowed someone as boorish and devious as Jacobsen to slip in or Jacobsen just might have been dumb enough to believe the things he alleged.

The trial court quickly dismissed his case,

and in 1959 it came before a New Jersey court of appeal. It's never easy for a court when someone represents himself, but the court managed to get Jacobsen to narrow his complaint down to one sentence. "I have really only one charge against Columbia," he said. Columbia 'does not teach wisdom as is claims to do.'

The court had an easy time of it from there. "We agree with the trial judge that wisdom is not a subject which can be taught and that no rational person would accept such a claim made by any man or institution.

The court also pointed out that there was no legal precedent for such a suit (although, of course, after this -- there was). Jacobsen tried to cite the Bhagavad-Gita, the Mundaka Upanishad, the Analects of Confucius, the Koran, excerpts from Euripides, Plato, Menander and the Bible for definitions of "wisdom." While perhaps showing that he hadn't completely wasted his time, it was not legal precedent. If Jacobsen demonstrated anything, said that court, "it is indeed the validity of what Alexander Pope said in his Moral Essays: 'A little learning is a dangerous thing; drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring."

And taste not a court victory, either.

Frank Zotter is a Ukiah attorney.

Seahawks

state case

open NFC

intriguing post-seasons of NFL football got

underway Saturday night and

as the undefeated New England Patriots seemed to control the AFC side, the NFC appeared to be wide

open. Saturday night, a team

from the faraway Northwest

corner of the country made a

claim to be the conference's

favorite to represent it in the

Super Bowl in Glendale, Arizona come February 3rd.

And why not? The NFC's No. 1 seed, the Dallas

Cowboys haven't been themselves since beating Green Bay a month ago. Now, with

their star receiver's status in

question due to a high ankle

sprain, the Cowboys are cer-

tainly no lock to ride their hot

and Brett Favre, you ask? If

there is one team that can walk into Lambeau Field

right now with confidence

you would think it would be the Mike Holmgren led

Seattle Seahawks. Holmgren,

having coached the legendary

Brett Favre for nine seasons

in Green Bay knows the quarterback better than anyone

and Seattle has a history of playing the Packers in Green Bay in the Winter.

Facing the Washington Redskins at home, the Seahawks looked very

The defense was flying around the field all night,

putting constant pressure on

Washington quarterback Todd Collins, tackling well all game and smothering the

Redskin receivers with excel-

lent coverage that eventually

yielded two interception

returns for touchdowns late in

pick in the NFC as they con-

tinue to be explosive on

offense yet now -- moreso

than their Super Bowl year of

2005 -- have a defense that

not only pressures the quarterback but provides stellar

coverage downfield, giving

up zero big plays and forcing

Add the fact that the top

two seeds in the NFC -- one

being their next opponent, the

Packers -- are primary pass-

ing offenses and the

Seahawks appear to not only match up well, but pose prob-

lems to their future oppo-

by four pro-bowlers: DE

Patrick Kerney, MLB Lofa

Tatupu, LB Julian Peterson

and CB Marcus Trufant. All

played exceptionally on

Saturday against Washington

but it was Trufant's play that

stood out above any others.

He locked down his side of

the field all game long and

The Seattle defense is led

numerous turnovers.

nents.

Seattle looks to be a good

the fourth quarter.

impressive.

What about the Packers

season to Arizona.

in wide

By ANTHONY

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### LOCAL CALENDAR

### This week:

- Tues. UHS girls bas-ketball vs. Piner, fresh-men @ 4:30 p.m., jv 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30
- Wed. UHS boys bas-ketball vs. Pine, fresh-men @ 4:30 p.m., jv 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. Mendocino mens' basketball @ Napa Valley, 7 p.m.
- Wed. Mendocino womens' basketball vs. Marin, 6 p.m.
- Thurs. UHS girs bas-ketball vs. Elsie Allen, freshmen @ 4:30 p.m., jv 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
- Fri. Mendocino mens' basketball @ Yuba, 7:30 p.m.
- Fri. UHS boys basketball vs. Rancho Cotate, freshmen @ 4:30 p.m., jv 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

### COMMUNITY DIGEST

### Mendocino Rugby Club

The Mendocino Rugby Club is currently looking for players for the 2008 season which begins on January 26th. The team has begun practicing and practices are held on Wednesdays on the softball field at 5 p.m. All people are wel-come with any experience level.

### **Junior Shotgun Clinic**

The Ukiah gun club will be hosting a junior shotgun clinic on January 12th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Clinic will be available to boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 17. Attendees will learn basic firearm safety, proper firearm storage, the Scholastic Clay Target Program and Basic Fundamentals of American Trap Shooting.

Pizza lunch will be included. The cost:is \$25, and 30 slots are avail-

To sign up call Coach Mann at 743-1141 or Coack Hendricks at 743-2445

Ukiah Gun Club is located on Vichy Springs Road

### **Holiday Hoops Clinic**

The second annual New Year's Basketball clinic presented by Nor Cal Basketball and the Pomolita Boosters Club will be held at Pomolita Middle School on Jan. 2-4 from 8:30a.m. to 1:00p.m. The Clinic will allow coed minors ages 7-17 to participate.

Campers will recieve individual instruction in every phase of the game from qualified local coaches. Each camper sill recieve a free T-shirt and Basketball. Walk up registration will be accepted. For more information call 972-7057.

### Pony and Colt League Signups

Ukiah Pony/Colt league will be having signups for the 2008 sea-son in conjuction with Little League on Jan. 16, 17, and 22. This league is for boys and girls ages 13-17 abd all games are located at Anton

Stadium.

Please bring a certified copy of your child's birth certificate and the signup fee of \$75. If you have any questions, call Kris at 468-3800.

### North and South Ukiah Little League

Both the North and South Ukiah Little League signups will be held Jan. 16, 17, and 22 from 6-8p.m. in the Yokayo elementary School

All parents must bring the following: an original state or federal cer-tified birth certificate, three proof of residency documents, the signup fee of \$55 for the first child and \$50 for each additional sibling, and a \$30 deposit for required service

hours in the form of a check.

Players can be no younger than 5 and no older than 12 by April 30 to participate in Little League. Limited scholarships will be available based on financial need.

If you have an question about North Ukiah Little League, you can call the hotline at 468-4232 or visit website www.eteamz.com/null. For South Ukiah Little League call 468-8800 or visit their website at www.eteamz.com/sull.

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### **HORNETS 116 | WARRIORS 104**

# Outmuscled

### Chandler, Paul lead Hornets past **Warriors 116-104** By JOSH DUBOW **Associated Press**

OAKLAND — Tyson Chandler likes the fact that his New Orleans Hornets don't get the same level of attention as some of the other teams in the NBA. A few more nights like this and it will be harder to remain unnoticed.

Chandler had a season-high 22 points and matched a season best with 22 rebounds to lead the Hornets to their fifth straight road win, 116-104 over the Golden State Warriors on Friday night.

"We're under the radar. Not too many people are talking about us nationally," Chandler said. "I hope they don't. It allows us to come in and sneak up on guys. A lot of times when teams get up for you, that's when you have letdowns. Right now we're sneaking in under the radar."

Chris Paul scored 11 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter and added 13 assists to help the Hornets extend their longest road winning streak since also winning five straight in 2003.

The Hornets (22-11) have won seven of eight to move into a tie with Dallas for the fourth-best record in the power-packed Western Conference.

"Well, that was quite a performance we just witnessed," Warriors coach Don Nelson said. "That's a really good team and I suppose people don't know that. But not only looking at their record, but when you watch them play and try to give a scouting report on them, they're really good."

Peja Stojakovic scored 24 points, David West had 20 before leaving with a bruised hip early in the fourth quarter and Peterson added 15. The starters scored all but 11 of New Orleans' points.

After beating the Clippers on Wednesday night, the Hornets look to complete a 3-0 road trip Saturday in Phoenix.

"We've been a great road team since the start of the season," Paul said. "I think it's just us being focused. I've

By BERNIE WILSON

SAN DIEGO — There's

smash-mouth, and then there's

Sunday's playoff game between the Tennessee Titans

and San Diego Chargers

wouldn't be such an eagerly

anticipated grudge match

On Dec. 9 at Nashville, the

dominated

Chargers for three quarters in

a virtual slugfest. The

Chargers rallied from 14

points down in the fourth

quarter to force overtime, then

won it 23-17 on LaDainian

Tomlinson's 16-yard touch-

Merriman, San Diego's three-

time Pro Bowl outside line-

Tennessee's Vince Young

after he handed off, sending

the QB to the sideline for a

spell. Merriman hobbled off

the field with a sprained left

knee later in the period, the

result of what he claimed was

a retaliatory "hit" ordered by

with Young was accidental.

While lauding his teammates

for coming back, Merriman

"We're going to fight you

took a swipe at the Titans.

Merriman said his collision

Titans coach Jeff Fisher.

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In the second quarter,

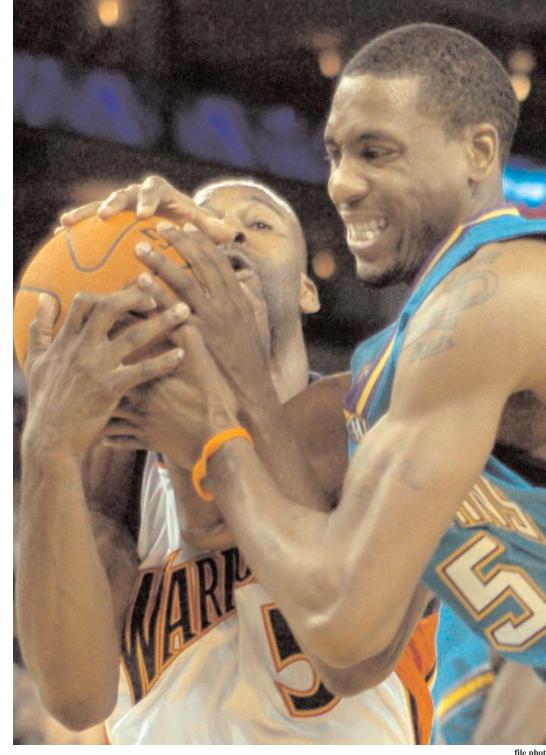
Shawne Merriman's mouth.

**Associated Press** 

without the two.

down run.

backer,



Baron Davis of the Golden State Warriors wrestles for possession with Marc Jackson of the New Orleans Hornets during a game two seasons ago. Jackson is no longer with the Hornets but on Friday night his former team was able to hold on the the big win despite Davis' 26 points and eight assists.

always loved playing on the ing nine of 11 shots and conteam really has a strong minutes. willpower.'

Baron Davis scored 26 points, Al Harrington had 24 and Andris Biedrins added 20 on 10-of-11 shooting for the Warriors, who lost consecutive games for the first time since opening the season 0-6.

Chandler dominated the smaller Warriors inside, mak-

**Smash-Mouth II: Titans, Chargers** 

to the end, regardless of what

they do. There were a bunch

of cheap shots out there, but

they can get some cheap shots

on the sofa at home while they

So imagine the reaction

when the Titans (10-6)

squeaked into the playoffs as

the No. 6 seed, earning a trip

to face AFC West champion

one that we played, tune in,"

Titans linebacker Keith

Bulluck said after learning of

after that game that we would

see them from our couch

watching the playoffs," Bulluck said. "They need to

retract that statement. We're

coming to see them on

bunch of Titans who will trav-

el west to what could be a wet

and wild Qualcomm Stadium,

the Chargers are trying to hold

their tongues going into this

against," said Tomlinson, the

two-time NFL rushing cham-

pion who is 0-2 in the playoffs

in his brilliant career. "It's not

known as "Lights Out" for his

Merriman, an excitable sort

going to come easy."

"We know what we're up

Even though it's a beat-up

"Comments were made

"If people missed the first

San Diego (11-5).

the rematch.

Sunday.'

with

watch us," Merriman said.

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set to rematch in playoffs

road. You're always an under- trolling the glass. He capped dog, the crowd is against you. his night with an emphatic It really shows your will. Our one-handed slam in the final league's top point guards.

"I used to have to run in there and get rebounds," Paul said. "Now when the other team shoots it, I'm ready to start the break. I don't even worry about getting the rebound because I know TC has it.'

Paul delivered most of the other big plays in the fourth

punishing hits, has softened

his stance about the "hit."

Fisher wrote it off to emo-

tions, and said he even voted

for Merriman for the Pro

game, and not because of

what happened the first time,"

said Merriman, who led the

Chargers with 12 1/2 sacks.

"It's going to be a physical

game because whoever loses

goes home. I think there's

more at stake now than it was

going to all give each other

hugs before the game starts."

to knock off each other's

an emotionally charged game," Titans Pro Bowl

defensive end Kyle Vanden

Bosch said. "We feel like we

let it slip when they were here,

let it get away from us and we

feel like we should've won the

game. I think we're looking

tackle Albert Haynesworth,

who has a sore hamstring,

standard games," he said of

the first game with the

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Titans Pro Bowl defensive

"I think that was one of our

forward to the rematch.'

And, he added, "We're

But they're still going to try

"It's definitely going to be

four games ago.'

"It's going to be a physical

quarter, more than holding his own in a showdown with Davis between two of the

Golden State opened the fourth quarter on a 14-3 run to cut New Orleans' lead to 93-88, but then Paul hit a jumper in the lane, fed Chandler on a lob for a three-point play and assisted on Morris Peterson's 3-pointer from the corner to give the Hornets a 101-88 lead with 6:06 to play.

### NFL | YEAR END **AWARDS** Brady rides records to MVP award

NEW YORK — For all their achievements, past Most Valuable Players John Unitas, Dan Marino and Joe Montana never had a season like Tom

The New England Patriots' record-setting quarterback added The Associated Press NFL MVP award Saturday in the same manner his team romped through its schedule, going 16-0. On the way to the first unbeaten regular season since Miami went 14-0 in 1972, Brady put on a performance for the ages, which earned him all but one vote from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regular-

"I have always been a huge football fan and will always have great respect for the history of this game," Brady said. "I am flattered to join such an esteemed list of players, many of whom I consider the greatest of all time. I hope that I can set as great of an example for kids around the world as the previous MVPs

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By BARRY WILNER **Associated Press** 

Brady's 2007.

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## LSU could try to make Ohio State ill with two mobile quarterbacks

By RALPH D. RUSSO **Associated Press** 

NEW ORLEANS — Most of the season, Ohio State smothered opposing offenses.

Led by All-America linebacker James Laurinaitis, and second-team All-Americans Vernon Gholston at defensive end and Malcolm Jenkins at cornerback, the Buckeyes ranked in the top three in the nation in just about every major statistical category.

There was, however, this one game against Illinois in November...

In the Buckeyes' only loss, they allowed 260 yards rushing and four touchdown passes against the Illini's spread-option offense and didn't force a

What does that have to do with the BCS national championship game on Monday night, when the top-ranked Buckeyes play No. 2 LSU?

"Illinois runs almost the exact offense that we run," LSU quarterback Ryan Perrilloux said Saturday.

Uh-oh, Ohio State.

"They definitely have the ability to go with the two-back, zone option stuff that Illinois did," Laurinaitis said during media day at the Superdome for the Buckeyes and Tigers. "They love to run the football, that's what they're going to do first. We have to stop that.'

Illinois handed Ohio State (11-1) that 28-21 loss in Columbus and Illini quarterback Juice Williams was the catalyst. He tossed four touchdowns and ran for 70 yards, much of it on the final, clockkilling drive that lasted more than eight

Quarterbacks who run and throw well are problematic to any defense. How many teams stopped Florida's Tim Tebow this season? And remember how Vince Young put on maybe the greatest single-game performance in college football history when Texas beat Southern California in the Rose Bowl for the 2005

BCS title? LSU (11-2) has two quarterbacks who pose a dual-threat in starter Matt Flynn and Perrilloux. Flynn's running has been limited this season because of injuries. Perrilloux has mostly filled a role similar to what Tebow did for the Gators during their 2006 championship season which ended with a 41-14 victory over Ohio State — but he's far more advanced as a passer than the Heisman Trophy winner was last season.

Perrilloux, a sophomore, has started twice, including the SEC title game against Tennessee, and passed for 541 yards and four touchdowns in games when Flynn was banged-up.

When Flynn is fine, and he says time off has helped heal his sprained ankle and bruised throwing shoulder, Perrilloux mostly runs the type of keepers that Williams used so effectively against the

With Perrilloux designated the "running" quarterback, Flynn's mobility has been overlooked.

"Me and Matt are pretty much the same height, same speed, same weight," Perrilloux said. "I'd rather go in there and take that lick for him so he can stay healthy.

It's hard not to look at Perrilloux and Flynn and think about what Williams did to the Buckeyes.

Ohio State defensive coordinator Jim Heacock wasn't about to get into the similarities and potential problems they

could pose for the Buckeyes' defense, which was tops in the nation in fewest points (10.7) and yards allowed (225) per

"I know Juice was good against us," Heacock said. "And we didn't play as well as we needed to to win that football game. But as far as comparing, I really couldn't do that."

While LSU does much of what Illinois does offensively, the Tigers aren't primarily a spread-option team like the Illini. To call LSU's offense, which averages 39 points per game, multiple is an understatement.

"They have so many ways that they can attack you," Laurinaitis said.

LSU coach Les Miles strives for a balanced offense, with a power running game as the foundation. This season the former Michigan offensive lineman brought in Gary Crowton as offensive coordinator, who added some spread offense to the mix.

"We have a lot of physical play in our offense. It starts with our offensive line,' said Crowton, the former BYU coach. "From the same standpoint, we have the ability to go four wides with speed all over. I think it gives us some versatility. Hopefully we'll be able to use some of that versatility.'

Laurinaitis said it wasn't the option or any particular issues the Buckeyes have with mobile quarterbacks that cost them against the Illini.

"I don't think it was a matter of scheme," he said. "They were more physical, they ran the ball on us.'

Certainly, the Tigers will try to do the same and give the Buckeyes a taste of LSU juice.

### SEAHAWKS 35 | REDSKINS 14

# Seahawks send sentimental favorite 'Skins packing

By JOSEPH WHITE **Associated Press** 

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks weren't about to play along with the sentimental favorite of this year's playoffs.

The Redskins rode the passion and momentum of the last month one more time, overcoming a 13-point, second-half deficit. Then the Seahawks came back with three touchdowns of their own for a 35-14 NFC wild-card victory Saturday.

Matt Hasselbeck hit D.J. Washington's Hackett with a 20-yard scoring pass, and Marcus Trufant and Jordan Babineaux picked off Todd Collins' first interceptions in a decade, returning them for touchdowns.

Seattle, 8-1 at home, beat a team that finished with a winning record for the first time since Week 1 and will travel to Green Bay next Saturday.

"I think two teams that cared a lot slugged it out," Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said. "And we won it."

The Redskins go home with their four-game winning streak over, their mission to play and win for slain teammate Sean Taylor coming to an emotional end.

"I can't believe it's over with for us," Washington linebacker London Fletcher said. "It just seemed our story was going to be written all the way to the Super Bowl for us."

It took 2 1/2 quarters for the Redskins to get going, but for a while they seemed impossible to stop. Down 13-0, they practically ran downfield with the no-huddle offense behind mothballed quarterback Collins to score their first touchdown. Then came an interception by LaRon Landry, who took over at free safety after Taylor's death, to set up another TD that gave Washington a 14-13 lead with 12:38 to play.

Landry later picked off another pass when the Seahawks were trying to rally.

But two special teams gaffes kept the Seahawks going. Shaun Suisham was wide left on a field goal from 30 yards after Seattle returner Nate Burleson misjudged a kickoff that was recovered by the Redskins. And a 33-yard punt by Derrick Frost gave Seattle good field position to set up the go-ahead touchdown.

Taking over 42. the Seahawks scored five plays later. Hasselbeck pumped right and threw left to Hackett, who had safety Pierson Prioleau beaten by 5 yards. A pass to tight end Marcus Pollard gave Seattle a 2-point conversion and a 21-14 lead with 6:06 to play.

Then Collins, who engineered all four victories in the winning streak despite not having started a game since 1997, finally had a pass land in the other team's hands. When receiver Santana Moss appeared to give up on a route deep down the right sideline, Trufant easily hauled in the ball and returned it 78 yards for a score.

With the Redskins desperately trying to catch up, Babineaux intercepted and returned it 57 yards for a score with 27 seconds left. Collins had not thrown an interception since Nov. 30, 1997, when he played for Buffalo in a game against the New York

As they have over the second half of the season, the Seahawks preferred the pass over the run. Hasselbeck finished 20-for-32 for 229 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. Hackett caught six passes for 101 yards. Partick Kerney and Leroy Hill among Seahawks defenders who made life mis-

times and hit repeatedly. Collins went 29-for-50 for 266 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions. Clinton Portis, who had at least 100 yards from scrimmage in each game of the winning streak, ran 20 times for 52 yards and caught four passes for 28 yards.

erable for the Redskins.

Collins was sacked three

Down 13-0, the Redskins finally found some offensive rhythm by speeding up. Collins was 7-of-9 for 66 yards, including a nice onehanded catch by tight end Chris Cooley, in an 84-yard drive capped by a 7-yard touchdown throw to Antwaan Randle El. The drive included a fourth-and-1 converted with a pass interference penalty.

After Landry's first interception, Collins hit Moss for a 30-yard touchdown. In the end zone, Moss held up his fingers to signify the No. 21, the jersey number for Taylor, who was shot in Miami on Nov. 26 and died a day later.

The Redskins' defense had modest success trying to confuse Hasselbeck with multiple shifts before the snap. But the veteran quarterback was to make enough big plays to win the field position battle and put together the occasional scoring drive. He beat the blitz with a 25-yard completion to Burleson to set up a first-half field goal, and found Hackett for a 35-yard gain that led to a second-half field goal.

While they enjoyed the home-field advantage, the Seahawks didn't get their usual home-weather advantage. Skies were menacing all day — the Seagals did their pregame dance routine in a driving rain — but the sun came out during the national anthem and hung around for much of the game, leaving only a strong, swirling wind to

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# Tomlinson, America's team

The Seattle Seahawks look

### Warriors

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After a sluggish second quarter, New Orleans scored the first 12 points of the second half to regain control. Chandler started the run by slamming in a missed shot and added another bucket.

Golden State tried to whittle the lead down, but the Hornets always seemed to have the answer, whether it was a 3-pointer by Stojakovic or a basket inside by Chandler, and led 90-74 entering the fourth.

The Hornets got off to a fast start offensively, shooting 58 percent in the first quarter and making six of their first eight 3-pointers to take a 39-27 lead. The Warriors erased that deficit with a 19-2 run midway through the second quarter and trailed 58-56 at the half.

"We played lackluster to open the two important quarters and that's the first and third," Davis said. "They got off to the lead and all they had to do was sustain while we had to scratch and claw to get back into it. We weren't giving the effort on the defensive end and that's not like this team."

**Notes:** West hoped the hip injury would not sideline him for Saturday's game at Phoenix. "I just have to see how I feel in the morning," he said. "I just hope it doesn't tighten up too bad and I can keep it loose." ... Golden State rookie F Brandan Wright, who played just 4 minutes the previous nine games, made his first career start. Wright finished with five points and four rebounds in 7 minutes. ... Warriors F Stephen Jackson was called for a technical early in the fourth quarter for pushing Ryan Bowen. Jackson finished 4-of-15 shooting.







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came up with the crucial interception return touchdown when the game was on the

If Trufant continues his spectacular play, Seahawks will be a very tough team to throw on and that bodes extremely well for a defense that is already solid

against the run.

These NFL Playoffs could turn out to be the mostwatched in history. The defending Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts joined by the first team to finish a regular season undefeated since the 1972 Miami Dolphins, the New England Patriots as well as five-time Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers. Throw in the talented San Diego Chargers led by LaDainian

the Dallas Cowboys, the Favre led Packers along side a New York team (the Giants), a hard-charging Jacksonville Jaguar team and the sentimental favorite Washington Redskins and you can see why the 2008 NFL Playoffs could be very intriguing.

to continue to fly under the radar amongst all of that intrigue all the way to Arizona come February.

COMMUNITY

**Girls Youth** 

Softball League

The City of Ukiah Community Service Department would like to announce the beginning of regis-tration for the 2008 Girls Youth Softball League. Participants may register individually and will be placed on teams according to their grade level

The League will be divided into

The League will be divided into the following divisions: grades K-2 (T-Ball); grades 3 and 4 (pitching machine); grades 5 and 6; and grades 7-12. League play begins in early April and will run through early June. Cost in \$50 per player (sibling discounts and Low Income Discounts are available).

The registration deadline is March 7, 2008 and forms are available.

March 7, 2008 and forms are available at the City of Ukiah (411 West Clay) and www.cityofukiah.com. For more information, call 463-6714.

Youth Soccer League

### Brady

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"I am grateful to all of the voters for any consideration I was given. It is a tremendous honor and I am sure it is one that my family will one day look back on with great pride.

The eight-year veteran who already has won three Super Bowls helped the Patriots tear through the record books by throwing for 50 touchdowns. He beat Peyton Manning's league mark by one, and also threw 23 of those TD passes to Randy Moss, which lifted the receiver past Jerry Rice's record of 22.

New England scored 589 points, another record, as was the Patriots' 75 touchdowns. Brady led the NFL with a 117.2 passer rating — no, not another record, but close to Manning's 121.1 in 2004. Only one full-time AFC starter, Jacksonville's David Garrard, had fewer than Brady's eight interceptions. And Brady threw 253 more passes than Garrard.

Brady also was tops with a 68.9 completion percentage, and his 4,806 yards were 383 more than runner-up Drew Brees of New Orleans.

Brady joins a roster of AP MVPs that includes quarterbacks Unitas, Bart Starr, Fran Tarkenton, Marino, Montana, John Elway and Steve Young all Hall of Famers.

Yet Brady insists individual accomplishments don't rule his world.

"As I have learned over the course of my time with the Patriots, the most meaningful accomplishments are always the ones I have celebrated with my teammates," he said. "I am certainly proud of the success that we have enjoyed so far this season.'

There also was plenty of praise to go around from teammates, Patriots owner Robert Kraft and coach Bill Belichick.

"To be honest, I'm surprised it took so long for him to get this recognition because he's sort of been our MVP since he stepped on the field in '01, in my mind, and the way he just took over," Kraft said. "He treats everyone in that locker room the same way he treats me or the coach-

Seahawks

influence the game.

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The wind didn't stop Josh

Brown from tying a Seahawks

franchise playoff record with

a 50-yard field goal in the sec-

ond quarter. It was one of only

two scores in a first half in

### "And the thing that I've found most interesting is if you talk to role players or backups how he talks to them and motivates them. He treats them like they're going to the Pro Bowl, with that kind of respect."

Added Mike Vrabel, who has gone from a role player to a Pro Bowl linebacker over

"He's our MVP. I think we've known that for quite some time. "I think his work ethic day in and day out (is most impressive). We get to practice against him, so I think that makes us better. I think it makes us a better defense. He puts a lot of time into it. It's important to him. Going out there every week and then trying to play his absolute best is a priority for

Brady is the first Patriot selected NFL MVP. He drew 49 of the 50 votes from a nationwide panel of media members who regularly cover the NFL. Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre, the only three-time MVP, got the other

"He deserves it," Belichick said. "I have thought for a long time that there is no past or present quarterback I'd rather coach than Tom Brady, and I am more certain of that every year he plays.'

Only in one game, a 20-10 win over the Jets, did Brady not throw for a touchdown. He had 12 games with at least three TD passes.

Those are great stats, but they hardly tell the entire story. Brady's leadership skills overshadow just about everything.

"Tom's one of those guys that goes out there and tries to perform and compete every week," center Dan Koppen said. "He gives maximum effort on every play and every game. What he did was outstanding, but I know he wants more than that. That's what you need in your quarterback.

The previous two MVP awards went to running backs LaDainian Tomlinson (2006) and Shaun Alexander (2005). Before that, quarterbacks won four in a row: Peyton Manning in 2004 and in 2003, when he shared it with Steve McNair; Rich Gannon in 2002; and Kurt Warner in

which Seattle shut out the Redskins 10-0. Fullback Leonard Weaver provided the other, a 17-yard run in which he started inside, eluded linebacker London Fletcher and then darted through open space for the right pylon. It was the first playoff touchdown for Weaver, who had only one TD on 33 carries during the regular season.

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### Chargers best team win.'

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Chargers. "One of our most physical games was probably against Jacksonville because they're a physical team. I think I heard someone say that was a physical game for them. For us, that's the norm.'

Four players were fined a total of \$32,500 by the NFL after the Dec. 9 game, including Titans linemen Kevin Mawae and David Stewart for a late hit on Merriman.

The Titans' offense has been weakened by the loss of tight end Bo Scaife and wide receiver Roydell Williams to injuries. Young reinjured his quad in Sunday night's win at Indianapolis that got the Titans into the playoffs, and the team will decide at gametime whether he'll start.

"Whatever it takes to win the ballgame, that's what I'm

going to do," Young said.
"We're going to go out, play our game try not to get into no pushing, shoving, fighting," the quarterback added. "We just want to go out and have fun, give the fans out

there a good game and let the

The Chargers spent the week preparing for both Young and his backup, Kerry Collins.

You just never know the extent of an injury and where a guy's at," Chargers coach Norv Turner said. "I would expect him to play and play the way he plays. A big part of his game is hauling and going and running and that's what we have to prepare for."

Turner doesn't buy the notion the Titans are depleted.

"I've been in this league too long to answer a question about how depleted they are," Turner said. "They're going to have 11 real good players on the field. I don't see them as being depleted. I see them as a very dangerous football team. I know it's going to be a very physical football game, because it's two very, very physical football teams.'

The Chargers will be trying to end a four-game postseason losing streak going back 13

Tomlinson said Chargers let their emotions get away from them in losing a wild-card game against the New York Jets after the 2004 season. Last year, the Chargers were an NFL-best 14-2 before committing unfathomable mistakes in a shocking playoff loss to New England.

If the Chargers lose Sunday, they can't blame Marty Schottenheimer. Long known for his playoff futility, Schottenheimer was suddenly fired in February due to frontoffice friction.

The Chargers got off to a shaky 1-3 start under Turner, then won 10 of 12, including their last six.

Turner has made it to the playoffs only once before as a head coach, going 1-1 with the Washington Redskins following the 1999 season.

"I really believe one of our strengths throughout this year has been our poise, our composure, our discipline, our mental approach, and we'll keep that the same way,' Turner said. "This is a totally new deal. It's a different game and I don't think what happened a month ago will have any effect on this football

Ukiah Valley Youth Soccer League is holding there League Membership Meeting Jan. 22, 6:30 at the Consolidated Tribal Health (on North State St between Calpella and Redwood Valley) At this meeting we will elect new Board of Directors for the 2008 season, establish fee increases adopt any changes to the Constitution, By-Laws and/or General Procedures. This is an open meeting for anyone to attend and give feedback on how your season went. For further information please visit our web-site uvysl.org or call the hotline at 467-9797.

### **High School Baseball Clinic**

The city of Ukiah and the Ukiah High Wildcats would like to announce the beginning of regis-tration for a baseball clinic supervised by UHS baseball coaching staff.

This clinic is completely free and will be held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. and began on December

4th. This clinic will teach every aspect of the game, from hitting and base running to pitching and fielding and

The clinic is open to boys ages 13-17 all the way through the end

### Attention Coaches!

If you have any information about upcoming games, game summaries, or information for the Community Digest, that you would like put in the paper, make sure to contact the sports desk by calling 468-3518 or by email at udjs-ports@pacific.net.

at the break. The Bruins held a 43-30 edge on the boards and limited Cal to an uncharacteristically low 12 assists.

"To our team's credit, we came back and got within two, and I thought things were going our way in the second half," Cal coach Ben Braun said. "I thought our energy was better, our confidence was better. ... UCLA is too good to get down early and too good to give up opportunities. They'll take advantage of that.'

It was Cal's shooting from long range that lifted the Bears to a 92-82 win over No. 22 Southern California on Thursday night — and five players finished with 15 or more points in that game. But the Bears were 5-of-16 from 3-point range Saturday and lost for only the second time in 11 home games this season.

# UCLA 70 | CAL 58

# Fifth-ranked Bruins complete Bay Area sweep

By JANIE McCAULEY **Associated Press** 

BERKELEY — Kevin Love's case for Pac-10 Freshman of the Year gets stronger each time he helps UCLA win.

Love scored 13 of his 19 points in the first half and grabbed 14 rebounds for his seventh double-double, and the fifth-ranked Bruins beat California 70-58 on Saturday to complete a sweep of the Bay Area schools on the opening weekend of conference

"Kevin Love played like a man today," Bruins coach Ben Howland said. "Nineteen and

And Love had plenty of help as UCLA again showed its depth. Russell Westbrook added

11 points and seven rebounds, Darren Collison had 14 points and five assists and Josh Shipp scored 13 for the Bruins (14-1, 2-0), who won their seventh straight. The streak includes a victory at No. 24 Stanford on Thursday night.

"We got two wins on the road against two very good teams, and for most teams it will be hard to sweep," Love

UCLA's 6-foot-10, 260pound center shot 8-for-10 and had another strong show-

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ing in just his second conference game — and not only on the offensive end. His inside presence made things tough for Cal big men DeVon Hardin and Ryan Anderson, and Love pulled down several key rebounds in crunch time.

He was whistled for his third foul and second on the offensive end with 16:48 to play and took a seat, but wasn't out long. He scored a key basket with 2:15 left and converted two free throws with 28 seconds to go, two days after finishing with 15 points and seven boards in the win over Stanford.

Cal used an 11-2 run to start the second half to pull to 38-36 on Hardin's three-point play at 14:15 before consecutive baskets by Westbrook.

Anderson scored 12 points and Patrick Christopher 11 to lead the Golden Bears (10-3, 1-1). Christopher was called for an intentional foul with swing in UCLA's favor. Shipp made two free throws, then scored again moments later for a 56-45 lead.

A sellout crowd of 11,877 crammed into Haas Pavilion for a nationally televised game that attracted some 15 NBA scouts and Golden State Warriors executive vice president of basketball operations Chris Mullin. Former UCLA star Baron Davis of the Warriors also was in attendance and sitting courtside, and he congratulated the Bruins in their locker room

"This was a great, great win for us today," Howland said. "I am so proud of our team.

held Cal to 36 percent shooting and outrebounded them by 13. That's tell tale. The defense really gave us a chance today. ... This is a difficult road trip. I think Stanford and Cal are NCAA tournament teams. Hardin faced double-teams

We played so well defensively

most of the game and didn't score his first points until hitting one of two free throws 11 seconds before halftime. He wound up with eight points and eight rebounds. Anderson was 0-for-6 in the first half and had only two points, making his first field goal with 16:24 remaining.

"Whenever we touched the ball it was double- or tripleteams coming at us," Hardin said. "They keyed in on that and stopped it. They just had good pressure on the ball first of all. It was very hard for our guards to get the ball in.'

UCLA won its fourth 5:49 that led to a four-point straight in Berkeley and avenged Cal's upset of the top-seeded Bruins in the quarterfinals of the Pac-10 tournament last March, 76-69 in overtime. The Bears have won at least once against UCLA in each of the past nine years.

Westbrook showed off some athleticism in the first half with a flying one-handed jam and later a layin on an alley-oop from Luc Richard Mbah a Moute that led to a three-point play seven minutes before halftime.

Love finally finished one sequence late in the first half in which the Bruins managed five offensive chances before he converted the putback, helping UCLA to a 36-25 lead

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Saturday, Jan. 12 Seattle at Green Bay, 1:30 p.m. (FOX) Jacksonville or Tennessee at New England, 5 Sunday, Jan. 13
San Diego or Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 10
a.m. (CBS)

Tampa Bay, N.Y. Giants or Washington at Dallas, 1:30 p.m. (FOX) Conference Championships

Sunday, Feb. 3 Glendale, Ariz TBD

Sunday, Jan. 20

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### **NHL**

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Montreal	20	13	7	47	122	112
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Toronto	16	17	8	40	118	133
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Minnesota 6, Dallas 3 Nashville 5, Edmonton 2

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### **3-DAY FORECAST TODAY** 43 Breezy and chilly with periods of rain







### **SUN AND MOON**



# **MOON PHASES**

# Jan. 8 Jan. 15 Jan. 22 Jan. 29

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Month to date

Ukiah through 2 p.m. Saturday			
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### **REGIONAL WEATHER** Shown is todays weather. Temperatures are todays highs and tonight s Rockport Laytonville Covelo 40/30 42/30 Westport **Fort Bragg** Willows 🔍 49/42 Willits 42/31 48/43 Redwood Valley UKIAH 43/33 Lakeport Philo Lucerr Boonville 0.70 Gualala 4.53' 50/43 Clearlake Cloverdale

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Barstow	56/37/sh	55/33/pc	Oxnard	56/44/r	55/42/pc
Big Sur	52/38/r	53/41/c	Palm Springs	62/46/sh	63/42/pc
Bishop	43/19/sf	44/18/c	Pasadena	58/44/r	57/42/pc
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Burbank	55/46/r	57/40/pc	Potter Valley	44/31/r	46/38/pc
California City	52/36/sh	50/31/pc	Redding	40/33/sh	43/37/c
Carpinteria	56/48/r	56/39/pc	Riverside	58/44/r	59/38/pc
Catalina	56/46/r	55/45/pc	Sacramento	48/36/sh	49/37/pc
Chico	46/35/sh	48/37/c	Salinas	53/38/sh	55/39/pc
Crescent City	48/38/r	50/43/c	San Bernardino	59/42/r	59/38/pc
Death Valley	66/40/sh	63/32/pc	San Diego	61/52/r	59/47/pc
Downey	60/47/r	61/44/pc	San Fernando	54/42/r	55/40/pc
Encinitas	58/49/r	58/44/pc	San Francisco	52/42/sh	52/44/pc
Escondido	61/45/r	60/41/pc	San Jose	52/39/sh	52/41/pc
Eureka	46/37/r	50/41/c	San Luis Obispo	55/40/sh	57/36/pc
Fort Bragg	49/42/r	50/41/c	San Rafael	51/38/sh	51/41/pc
Fresno	50/38/r	50/38/c	Santa Ana	59/48/r	58/44/pc
Gilroy	52/37/sh	52/36/pc	Santa Barbara	55/41/sh	60/37/pc
Indio	66/44/sh	66/37/pc	Santa Cruz	53/40/sh	54/39/c
Irvine	59/48/r	58/44/pc	Santa Monica	58/47/r	60/45/pc
Hollywood	57/45/r	57/44/pc	Santa Rosa	49/35/r	51/39/pc
Lake Arrowhead	31/27/sn	43/22/pc	S. Lake Tahoe	27/11/sn	28/22/sn
Lodi	50/36/sh	48/38/pc	Stockton	51/37/sh	49/38/pc
Lompoc	56/42/sh	56/40/pc	Tahoe Valley	27/11/sn	28/22/sn
Long Beach	58/45/r	61/43/pc	Torrance	58/48/r	61/46/pc
Los Angeles	58/47/r	59/45/pc	Vacaville	47/35/sh	50/35/pc
Mammoth	28/13/sn	33/11/c	Vallejo	51/41/sh	51/38/pc
Marysville	49/36/sh	49/37/c	Van Nuys	54/46/r	55/40/pc
Modesto	50/36/r	49/37/pc	Visalia	50/38/r	47/37/c
Monrovia	57/43/r	59/40/pc	Willits	42/31/r	43/37/c
Monterey	55/41/sh	54/39/pc	Yosemite Valley	42/20/sn	41/19/c
Morro Bay	55/42/sh	54/40/pc	Yreka	37/26/sn	37/29/c

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Lake Mendocino – Lake level: 717.75 feet; Storage: 38,362 acre-feet (Maximum storage 122,500 acre-feet) Inflow: 1,001 cfs Outflow: 33 cfs Air quality – n/a



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### Storm

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Saturday afternoon with no definitive reconnection time in sight.

"They lost power about 10 a.m. Friday morning," she said. "It looks like some trees came into contact with lines, so it is a result of the storm. Most of the homes are along the Feliz Creek Road, that's the primary road. At this point it is a very tentative restoral time. They are awaiting the crew to get there. They are coming from another outage."

Schuering said the storm has been so severe crews from other states have been brought in along with outside contractors from the area to help fix the problem.

"Right now we have six crews that we are contracted with and seven more en route," she said. "We are also receiving assistance from crews from Washington and Oregon, so the whole West Coast is involved."

In other parts of the state hurricane-force winds were still being felt, causing CalTrans to declare a high wind advisory for the Golden

Gate Bridge on Friday. Jeff Lewitsky, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Eureka, said the storm is expected to calm somewhat in the coming days.

"We still have rain showers and snow showers likely," he said. "We've got a chance of rain through next Saturday. (Through Sunday) snow is expected at and above 2,000 to 2,500 feet up to 2 inches. By Monday, the snow level goes to 3,000 feet, and will be 4,000 (feet) by Tuesday.

Lewitsky said the flood warning that had been in effect for the Navarro River had been lifted as of Friday evening, as was the high surf warning for coastal Mendocino.

"We just downgraded it to high surf advisory," he said. "It's in effect until 6 p.m. It means swell heights below 24 feet. Waves will continue to run high, so people will still want to stay out (of the water). High waves could sweep you away without warning into the cold water. There is also still a high risk of rip currents."

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# Police vehicle collides with pickup at Perkins-Oak

UPD sergeant sustains minor injuries after reportedly running stop sign

The Daily Journal

A Ukiah Police officer was transported to the hospital Friday evening following a traffic collision between his patrol vehicle and a 1986 Ford pickup.

The accident occurred about 8 p.m. at the corner of North Oak and West Perkins streets.

According to a California Highway Patrol report, Sgt. Erik Baarts was on duty driving his UPD patrol car, a 2005 Chevrolet sport utility vehicle, southbound on North Oak Street and a 16-year-old boy, whose name was not released, was at the wheel of a pickup headed west on West Perkins Street when the collision occurred.

The side of the pickup was hit by the front of the patrol vehicle when the police officer failed to stop for a posted stop sign, according to the CHP report.

Following the collision, emergency personnel were summoned and arrived on scene.

Baarts was taken to Ukiah Valley Medical Center with minor injuries, while the juvenile was determined to be unhurt, according to the CHP report.

The UPD would normally investigate a traffic collision that occurred in city limits, but because of the involvement of one of its officers, a UPD spokesman said the CHP will be handling the investigation into the incident.



Ben Brown/The Daily Journal A 2005 Chevrolet SUV Ukiah Police patrol vehicle sustained front-end damag Friday evening in a collision with a 1986 Ford pickup at the corner of Perkins and

### Wine

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The majority of grapes grown in Mendocino County are exported to other counties for use in their wineries.

In April, the commission plans to bring grape growers and buyers together in Sonoma County so the locals can show off their product.

"They are our biggest buyers, Napa and Sonoma mote County," Enquist said.

The commission will also be continuing the "Masters of Winemaking" events.

"We're always looking to improve quality," he said.

Several events are also being planned, including "Taste Mendocino," which will combine several events under a single banner and be capped by a wine and crab cake cookoff.

The commission will return to "Wine by the Bay" in San Francisco this summer to pro-Mendocino County

American Dialect Society chooses 'subprime'

as Word of the Year over 'Facebook,' 'green'

"That was very successful for us," Enquist said.

Oak streets.

The commission also recently hired the public relations firm Page Poulos Communications.

"She's got the contacts; she's going to do well for us," Enquist said.

The commission was voted into existence in August of 2006, and is led by a board of directors made up of six winegrowers, four winery owners and one public member.

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### Roads

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intersection of Little Lake Road at 6 a.m. Friday and was reopened at 6 p.m. the same

 Albion Ridge Road was closed at 6 a.m. Friday and was reopened at 7:30 a.m.

· Babcock Lane was closed at 6 a.m. Friday and was reopened at 7 a.m. Saturday.

· Peacock Drive was closed at 8 a.m. Friday and reopened at 6 p.m. Friday.

 Cameron Road was closed at 11:35 a.m. Friday and was reopened at 6 p.m. the same day. • Middle Ridge Road was

closed at 3 p.m. Friday and was reopened at 8 a.m. Saturday. · Pacific Way was closed

at 3 p.m. Friday and reopened at 8 a.m. Saturday. • Ward Avenue was closed

at 3 p.m. Friday and remained closed Saturday. • Mill Creek Drive was closed at 3 p.m. Friday and

remained closed Saturday. • Simpson Lane was closed at 9 a.m. Saturday and was reopened at 1:30 p.m. the

same day. • Little River Airport Road was closed Friday morning and remained closed Saturday.

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### **Associated Press** CHICAGO — Even the younger linguists, Glowka said. said it is an odd word — at least American Dialect Society Several people lobbied for as far as linguists are con-"green," which "designates knows how risky home mortcerned. gages are these days. environmental concern," but The prefix "sub" translates the term has been around for roughly to "below the stan-The group of wordsmiths years, he said. The word topped dard," while "prime" means

chose "subprime" as 2007's Word of the Year at its annual convention Friday.
""Subprime' has been

around with bankers for awhile, but now everyone is talking about 'subprime," said Wayne Glowka, a spokesman for the group and a dean at Reinhardt College in Waleska, Ga. "It's affecting all kinds of people in all kinds of places."

About 80 members of the organization spent two days debating the merits of runners-'green," "Facebook," "Googleganger" and "waterboarding" before voting for an adjective that means "a risky or less than ideal loan, mortgage or investment."

The choice signifies the public's concern for a "deepening mortgage crisis," the society

said in a statement. "Facebook," as a noun, verb

or adjective, was popular with

the 2007 "Most Useful" category, one of numerous subgroups the society choses.

The group also decided that although "waterboarding," an interrogation technique that simulates drowning, gained a lot of attention during recent attorney general confirmation hearings, it was a bigger deal in 2004, Glowka said.

But what's 'Googleganger?'

A play on "doppelganger," the word is "a person with your name who shows up when you Google yourself," according to the society.

Glowka said he assessed many Google-related words.

"Just Google 'Google' and you'll turn them up," he said. The ghostly double of a word won the 2007 "Most Creative" designation.

As for "subprime," Glowka

something close to "the best." So, according to Glowka, the word really means "far below

the best." "People were saying that students were referring to their tests, 'I'm going to subprime

this; I'm going to mess it up,'

he said.

American Dialect Society, founded in 1889, comprises linguists, grammarians, historians and scholars, among others. The society began choosing words of the year in 1990 for fun, not in an official capacity to induct words into the English language.

In 2006, the organization chose "plutoed," which means "to be demoted or devalued."

*On the Net:* American Dialect Society: http://www.americandialect.org

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# Contestants announced for the title of Miss Mendocino County 2008

On Saturday evening, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Ukiah High School Cafetorium seven county women will compete for the title of our 2008 Miss Mendocino County. Each of the young women has undergone training in interviews, poise and posture, fashion, talent and other criteria to meet the Miss America Program.

One of them will be crowned at the end of the evening. An opening dance will be the theme of introducing these contestants, followed by Liberty Egloff, Miss Mendocino County 2007 and then some 11 to 12 contestants for the open titles of Miss North Coast and Miss Northern Counties will be introduced.

These young women come from all over northern California and even southern California as they hope to capture another crown and earn their way to the Miss California stage next summer. Special guest of the evening is Melissa Chaty, Miss California 2007. Born and raised in Ukiah and Redwood Valley Chaty was Miss Mendocino County 2002 and represented our Miss North Coast title last June when she won the Miss California title. She will enjoy an evening with friends, performing for the audience live her Miss America Talent and then will leave just five days later for the Las Vegas to compete in the 2008 Miss America Pageant. County residents may catch Chaty on the TLC channel as they air every Friday night coverage of a Reality Show filmed for Miss America and then the actual crowning of our new Miss America will take place live on Jan. 26 on the TLC channel. Pageant committee members invite everyone to join them at Ukiah High School on Jan. 12th to enjoy the pageant and to wish Chaty the best of luck at Miss America. Tickets for the pageant are on sale at the Mendocino Book Company and Rod's Shoes for \$15 and also available the night of the show at the door.

Entering this years contest



Stephanie Paige

**Stephanie Paige....** 23, is a udent at Dominican student University of California graduating in June 2009 and would love to one day work in marketing of a large organization, and perhaps open her own dance studio. Paige graduated from Ukiah High and Mendocino College and is an employee of Dominican University serving as their liaison between students and staff. The daughter of Richard Paige of Ukiah, Paige loves cooking, animals, wildlife and preserving their habitats. She received numerous honors on the Dean's List, President's List and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society while attending Mendocino College. Education has always been paramount in Paige's life and she has paid her way through college with scholarships and working full time. For this reason she has titled her platform "Higher Education" --College is Possible." Upon graduating high school Stephanie never dreamed she could attend a four year university. Higher education seemed out of reach due to finances. Through the years she found she could afford a four-year degree through Dominican University. That was a turning point where she realized her dreams could come true and she began spreading the news that college was possible. She has already begun her mission to educate high school students about the ways to afford college. She has participated in Higher Education week and has educated students about various admission requirements, scholarships and ways to finance their education. Paige's goal is to educate as many students as possible about

the ways to finance their educa-

tion and the importance of obtaining at least a Bachelor's Degree. Education is an investment -- "a degree never loses value -- it is priceless" is Stephanie's motto. Stephanie's talent will be to perform a lyrical jazz dance to "Sorry" and she proudly acknowledges her Platinum sponsor Major Thurston Auto Plaza.



**Karissa Quarles** 

Karissa Quarles.... a 17year-old student attending the Redwood Academy is the daughter of Dan and Lori Quarles of Ukiah. Quarles would like to obtain a degree in optometry upon finishing college. She has been on the Academic Achievers Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll, Director's Honor Roll, and is the Vice President of her high school class. An active volunteer, Quarles has been involved with the Boys and Girls Club, Humane Society, local animal shelter, Pumpkinfest, and other local fundraisers. Some of her proudest achievements are climbing the Mayan Temple, Chichen Itza, Eiffel Tower and the Empire State Building. She is currently employed as a Kennel Attendant at Ukiah Veterinary Hospital and thus her platform speaks for itself and she has titled it "Promoting Animal Adoption." She stresses that animal abandonment in our community is devastating and it is extremely important that the public realizes this crisis before it gets completely out of control. Shelters are at full capacity and she would like to promote her platform county wide.

The role of Miss Mendocino County would give Quarles a forum to promote adoption programs, speak to organizations and schools regarding adopting animals and promote the spaying and neutering of animals to prevent the birth of animals that will not have a good home. Quarles is extremely proud tonight to present her sponsor Beeler's Mufflers.



**Katelyn Crawford** 

Katelyn Crawford.... is an freshman at 18-year-old Mendocino Community College and plans to continue her education by obtaining a Bachelors in Science in nursing. Crawford has chosen as her platform "Preserve Children Not our Food." She cites statistics on unhealthy children and how parents need to take the time to see that their children are eating a healthy diet. Bringing more physical activities into the home and schools is a paramount factor in allowing everyone to live longer, healthier and happier lives. Crawford will be performing for her talent this evening a flute solo titled "Carnival of Venice." While attending high school Crawford was in the honor band, first chair and participated in the concert band for nine years. She was editor of her school yearbook, advisor to Challenge Day, a peer counselor at Willits High School, a dancer and performer and devotes much of her time to her community. Crawford believes in becoming passionate about every endeavor she undertakes in life and has a very positive outlook which she would love to promote to the youth of our county as Miss Mendocino

County. Born and raised in

to represent the entire state as Miss California. Crawford is the daughter of Sal and Saundra Crawford-Madrigal. She proudly thanks her major sponsor Mendocino County Sheriff's PAL for their wonderful sup-



**India Scofield** 

India Scofield.... is a 17year-old student at Willits High School and the daughter of Mike and Melodee Scofield. Scofield's plans after graduation include joining the military and obtaining a college education through that source. Although she has received the California State Summer School for the Arts Scholar for flute she has chosen to perform a vocal rendition of "Someone to Watch over Me" this evening for talent. Scofield would like to eventually obtain degrees in music, photography and a master in linguistics. Scofield has personally experienced nearly a life time of living in foster care and for this reason she has chosen as a platform "A child in need -- focusing on the need for better foster care programs and parents." She cites statistics that there are over 500,000 children in the United States who currently reside in some form of foster-care. Placement in foster care homes has dramatically increased over the past 10 years. Scofield stresses the need for good foster-care programs that help a child in desperate need, a child who needs to live in a stable environment. Many issues arise which remove children from their parents including child abuse, neglect, behavioral prob-

California her dream would be lems, abandonment, illness of parents, and many other reasons. Scofield cites this as a very crucial subject that needs attention immediately. She thanks her major sponsor Sgt. Lopez of the United States Marines.



**Amanda Baguley** 

Amanda Baguley.... is a17year-old senior at Ükiah High School. She is the daughter of John and Julie Baguley of Hopland. Baguley plans to continue her education at Santa Rosa Junior College studying Journalism and Broadcasting. Her greatest goal is to become a great mother. She currently takes classes from the Institute of Children's Literature and has an interest in acting and has starred in four plays while costarring in four more. Baguley freely admits to overcoming two types of depression and has titled her platform "Teenage Depression: Helping Teens Help Themselves." She feels everyone needs to be aware of signs of teen depression to help talk them through it, perhaps even saving them from suicide. Adults need to be better educated with the signs of depression and beware of medications prescribed to their teens which may not be "miracle drugs." With proper education teens will be able to help each other through depression or know of someone they can recommend their friends to for the help that is needed. Baguley will be performing a monologue this evening titled "Butterflies Monologue." Baguley feels that her platform is one that is overlooked and she is determined to create a catalyst of awareness

that will eventually create a better society and environment for Baguley teens. gratefully acknowledges her major sponsor Great White Machinery.



Sara Kolleborn

Sara Kolleborn... a 17year-old student at Ukiah High School where she is 4-H president, 4-H Junior Swine leader, 2007 homecoming candidate, and plays the clarinet in the school band. Kolleborn, the daughter of James and Karen Kollenborn hopes to continue her education by becoming a child psychologist. Kolleborn has chosen "Prevention of Domestic Violence within Families" as her platform. Domestic violence is not a private matter. It is a critical issue that affects all of us. It is in our beautiful community, your work place, and maybe even in your child's school. It can be both psychological and physical ranging from unwanted physical contact to rape and even, in some severe cases, murder. Kolleborn feels the issue must be dealt with now. She will work towards bringing it out of the closet and making the entire community aware of it so we can work together to protect our families. The cycle of domestic violence must be stopped now. More programs are needed to help promote community awareness. Kolleborn would like to work with the community as well as professionals in solving this terrible problem. For her talent this evening Sara will perform on the clarinet "Amazing Grace." Kolleborn sends a very special thank you to her sponsor Tan Your Can

where she is a professional tan assistant.



Kayla Hurt

Kayla Hurt.... Hurt is an 18-year-old freshman at Loyola Marymount University with a major of business management. She was born and raised in Covelo. Hurt's ultimate career goal is to obtain a Masters Stanford Degree from University in political science and then own her own business while eventually breaking into politics. Born and raised in Covelo she was very active as 4-H president, Covelo FFA sentinel, Mendo Lake Section FFA treasurer and carried these roles with her while completing her senior year at Ukiah High with leaderships roles as Ukiah 4-H president. She also was Varsity Cheer captain, junior class vice president, ASB treasurer, and prom committee chair at Covelo High School. Hurt has chosen "Fighting Alcoholism: Saving our Families" as her platform. Hurt feels she can be a positive influence to students by teaching them to say "no" to alcohol. She feels peer pressure of older siblings and friends lead young children to experiment with drugs, or alcohol at a very young age. Setting positive examples for the next generation is extremely important to her. She has chosen to perform a monologue "A Girl's Guide to Chaos" this evening. Hurt is the daughter of Keith and Colleen Hurt of Covelo. She extends a heartfelt thank you to her major sponsor Keith's Family Food

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### **ASTROGRAPH**

# By Bernice Bede Osol



Monday, Jan. 7, 2008 Although you are gener-

ally a lone worker, partnership arrangements will work out better than you anticipate in the year ahead. If you should be invited to participate in an endeavor initiated by another, don't hesitate to get involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. **22-Jan. 19**) -- Your reasoning powers are exceptionally astute when you set your mind toward concentrating on what is important. It is to your benefit to focus on matters that would advance your self-interests or those of others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- You and persons with whom you are involved can gain much from interactions and experiences shared with others. Keep your mind open to learning from each other, and you will recognize the benefits that are offered.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You can wisely utilize information that is available to you. Although not all of the data will look important to you at once, it will not take long before you realize how valuable it

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- By focusing on your most ambitious undertaking, you can accomplish big projects that you have previously let over-whelmed you. It is about believing in yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- There is no reason for putting on pretenses or flexing your muscles, because those with whom you associate on an everyday basis will hold you in high esteem. Don't give them any reason to change their minds about you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Forces over which you have had little or no control will be encouraging you to do far more. This is a good time to initiate some changes you have been anxious to make but

thought were overwhelm-

CANCER (June 21-

July 22) -- Should you be put in the position of having to make a very difficult decision, don't look for reasons to get out of it. Your honest nature and better judgment will tell you what is best to do. Be brave enough to follow it.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Depend upon your practicality and old-fashioned common sense to guide you in commercial affairs, and you will not go wrong. Leave the free rides to others who are not smart enough to understand that no one will give something for nothing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Don't let an outsider who talks a good game give you reason to doubt your judgment about old friends. You have had too much past experience with them to doubt their honesty, integrity and loyalty to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- It will be more important than usual to treat your responsibilities earnestly, especially when it comes to promises you made to your family. Don't let down those who are depending on you to do your part.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Steer clear of useless individuals who waste their time pursuing frivolous interests and upset the good works of others. By placing value on your time and talents, you will reap the many good things life has to offer. **ŠAGITTARIUS** (Nov.

**23-Dec. 21**) -- General conditions are extremely stable and favorable for you, especially where your work and financial interests are Substantial concerned. accomplishments growth are possible when you choose to work toward those ends.

Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

# Datebook: Sunday, January 7, 2007

Today is the sixth day of 2008 and the 16th Union as the 47th state.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1838, Samuel F. B. Morse publicly demonstrated the telegraph

for the first time. In 1912, New Mexico was admitted to the

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In 1919, former President Theodore Roosevelt died at age 60.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Max Bruch (1838-1920), composer; Carl Sandburg (1878-1967), poet/biographer; Tom Mix (1880-1940),

actor; Khalil Gibran (1883-1931), poet/novelist; Danny Thomas (1912-1991), comedian; Loretta Young (1913-2000), actress; Rowan Atkinson (1955-), actor, is 53; Howie Long (1960-), football player/broadcaster, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1994, U.S. champion figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the knee on the orders of a rival, Tonya

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Slang is a language that rolls up its sleeves, spits on its hands and goes to work." -- Carl Sandburg

TODAY'S FACT: Theodore Roosevelt, the youngest president to take office at age 42, was the first president to travel outside of the United States.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 31, 2007) and new moon (Jan. 8, 2008).

### College student's home for the holidays... we think

Christmas break from college for two weeks now. His parents are over the moon about it -- you'd almost think they had seen him.

"We know he's here," beamed Millie, "There are dirty clothes are all over his bathroom and bedroom, and the kitchen looks like we had one of those bear attacks you see on TV. Certainly, a stranger wouldn't sneak into our house and throw ugly, smelly clothes on our floor, would they? It has to be Jack. It's so good to have him back home.

Yes, what a pleasure that must be. It was hard to contain my enthusiasm. Although more people have caught glimpses of Sasquatch than those who have seen Jack, there is mounting evidence that he is actually at home -- or at least in town. Giant, muddy footprints trail across the living-room carpet. There are turkey bones and half-eaten remains strewn around the house, treasured



By Jim Mullen

possessions are randomly broken, missing or moved, seemingly without rhyme or reason. One car is missing, the other has its fender dragging from the back.

"Maybe you should report the car stolen," I said. "And have security cameras installed in your kitchen. Channel 11 would pay a lot for real video of a bear ransacking your kitchen.'

"It wasn't a bear," said Dan, Jack's father. "Bears don't know how to use pop tops. Besides, we know he's around -- a lot of the girls he went to high school with that I

haven't heard from in six months are suddenly calling, leaving messages. What does 'IM me' mean? Of course "His bed looks slept in -- by sev-

eral people," Millie added. Then suddenly a shadow passed over her face. "I hope he's not having group sex. Yet. He's so immature about some things. I don't want him to be hurt." Yeah, I hear it's painful." I said.

"I still don't understand why you're so sure it's Jack eating your food, stealing your car and ransacking your house. Remember that scene at the Swanson's last Christmas? Ed came down for breakfast and saw his son, Chuck, sleeping on the sofa, then Betty comes down for breakfast and sees Chuck sleeping on the sofa.

"Rough night," she says to Ed. They laugh, remembering their own college years when the phone rings. It's Chuck telling them he's sorry he missed his flight and he'll be home that afternoon. Then who is on the

Ed grabbed a broom and poked the snoring body with its handle until a groggy, startled student woke up? "Who are you? Stop hitting me,

I'm sleeping.

"Who am I? I live here! This is my house! Who are you?" Ed yelled. Betty recognized the poor child before things got nasty, it was the Johnson kid, who grew up three houses down the street. An honor student. After Ed chased him home, he found Betty looking at the sofa.

"He had an accident. We've really got to start locking the door."

"I remember," said Millie, "I helped her pick out the new sofa. But we know it's Jackson who's here and not some stray lamb. We know he got off the plane because Kirstin Caldwell's parents saw him at the airport when they picked her up. He was waiting for his roommate to come through the baggage claim."

"His roommate flew in the bag-

gage compartment?"

"Don't turn your nose down. They say it's better than coach. More legroom. And you never get bumped. Besides, he's from some country that's so poor, their president travels that way.'

"And they say you never learn anything useful in college.'

"No, they say you never learned anything useful in college; the rest of us learned a lot."

Just then, there was a loud crash and the sound of swearing from upstairs. It sounded as if someone was hopping around on one foot. I heard a door slam shut. Millie and Dan smiled.

"Maybe we'll see him for dinner,"

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# Health insurance: A world of pain

By the Editors of Consumer

Reports

Private health insurance is virtually out of the question uninsured most Americans, according to a yearlong Consumer Reports investigation. Research cited in CR's report found that 89 percent of people who looked into buying individual insurance did not do so because it was too costly, they were turned down for health reasons or it provided inadequate benefits. And those who do manage to acquire insurance on their own are plagued with high costs and poor coverage.

People in need of private insurance face a daunting dilemma -- buying limited health insurance at a high cost or foregoing insurance altogether. Who could fall into this category? Any adult who hopes to retire early, loses a job, is self-employed or has an adult child leaving a group plan. The CR investigation found that consumers who bought individual health insurance had higher costs and more limited coverage than those who had insurance through employers. In addition, people who consider themselves in fine health can be declined insurance because of previous treatment, even

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for hay fever and acid reflux. Consumer Reports found that state regulation of individual insurance plans varies widely. Someone who could easily buy insurance in one state could be shut out in another. And in a CR survey, 76 percent of people without insurance said they couldn't

For consumers who plan on buying individual insurance, CR has come up with the following six tips.

afford an individual plan.

Only about 7 percent of adults

have individual insurance.

• Know the state laws. Whether an individual can get health insurance, and how much it will cost, depends largely on a state's laws and regulations.

• Be careful leaving a plan. Even in states that allow medical underwriting, the federal Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) provides some protection for anyone switching from job-based group coverage to the individual market -even with a medical condition that would make it impossible to pass medical underwriting. Exercising HIPAA rights

requires exhausting all jobbased coverage available, including COBRA, which allows the continuation of the employer's plan for 18 months by paying the full cost plus 2 percent, then applying for individual coverage within 63 days after the old coverage ends. Every state has to make sure that at least one policy is available.

• Research the market. Start gathering information at eHealthInsurance.com, a reputable Web site that links to hundreds of individual plans nationwide. Consumers should also check their state insurance department's Web site, which might list companies licensed to sell health insurance.

• Get adequate benefits. Consumers should make sure that any policy they buy covers everything that is "medically necessary" for any health problem, including emotional disorders. That includes doctor visits, outpatient and inpatient treatments, all hospital expenses, drugs, preventive care, rehabilitation care, prenatal care and screen-

· Look beyond the premium. An insurance plan's real costs include the monthly premium, the annual deductible and co-pays for office visits prescription drugs. Be sure to understand which copays and co-insurance payments apply to the deductible and out-of-pocket limit.

• Keep looking. Thirty-four states maintain high-risk pools for people who cannot pass medical underwriting -- information consumers can't count on hearing about from brokers or private insurers.

FIXING THE MARKET Several presidential candidates propose tax incentives to buy individual insurance. Consumers Union, the nonprofit publisher of Consumer opposes Reports, approach because it does nothing to fix underlying problems, such as medical underwriting, and the tax breaks wouldn't be enough to make insurance affordable for people with lower incomes.

Other candidates propose to expand coverage by bringing more people into the risk pool by such techniques as requiring insurers to cover everyone regardless of health history and subsidizing premiums for lower-income con-

Frugal Living By Sara Noel

# Lighten the load, save your back

**DEAR SARA:** I want to lighten my purse load. I got a backache from my purse this week. So I am trying to think of ways to streamline what I am carrying. What do you carry that is light? -- Mumzy, via forums

**DEAR MUMZY:** I don't carry a purse. I haven't carried one in several years. I have a credit-card holder that I use as a wallet. It carries all of my important cards. I no longer worry about a purse that could be lost or stolen, and I have discovered I don't need all the items I used to haul around. I have a small tote bag that I sometimes pack in my car with handy items, such as baby wipes, snacks, sunscreen, pen, checkbook, pain reliever, facial tissue and a hair-

**DEAR SARA:** My kids are adolescents and in early adulthood now. I have a lot of stuff stored. Some of these things they don't seem to care about, and others I feel are still useful. We have two row homes, and one of them is absolutely empty, so we are using it for storage. When I ask the kids what should I do with this or that, the answer is always the same -- do whatever. Should I give it away or throw it out? Later, they may accuse me of discarding some important treasure. I'm open to suggestions. --Greenboy, via e-mail

**DEAR GREENBOY:** I'd give the older children all of their belongings, and they can decide what to do. You could also give them fair warning and set a deadline for them to sort through their stuff. If they miss the deadline, discard the items. For the younger children, I'd have them sit with you and decide what they want to keep, sell, donate or toss. Box up and store whatever's left if it can't be used regularly. This should pare things down. Giving your children fair warning is significantly different from the "mean parent" who simply discards belongings without warning. You're teaching them to be responsible. I grew up with the threat that anything not picked up and organized would be sent to children who appreciated the items. My mother had to donate them only once for me to understand she meant business. It's not an accident that I'm an organized adult. Good luck.

**DEAR SARA:** I need help organizing my life. I am now a stay-at-home mom with a 4-month-old son, and even though (on good days) I have enough time to get things done, I can't seem to complete the tasks at hand. I can get dinner cooked and keep the kitchen clean, but other than that everything is so-so. I just don't know how to get it all organized. Do you have certain things you do every day of the week? I feel so scattered! -- Daphne,

**DEAR DAPHNE:** With four children, I have learned to accept less than perfection when it comes to my home. I decided to focus on what truly matters to me. I've also learned to ask for help. You're a new mom, so although it seems you have enough time, my guess is that you're busy caring for your baby. You probably start one task that used to take 10 minutes before the baby, and now it takes longer. When you finally get time to start or finish a task, you most likely are fighting whether to rest or face the millions of things you have to do. It's easy to get over-

I try to do my housework first thing in the morning and last thing before bed, and I break tasks into five- to 10minute slots of time throughout the day. It helps to make a list of priorities for your housework and stick with a routine. Take care, and don't be too hard on yourself. The moments you're spending with your little one are precious. Dust bunnies can wait.

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# Regulators take aim at 'free lunch' seminars

A yearlong examination of free lunch investment seminars aimed at senior citizens has determined that they involve high-pressure sales pitches, misleading claims and even fraud.

I have often warned retirees and those who are approaching retirement about these so-called educational events. Now, the seminars have attracted the attention of federal and state securities regulators.

These free lunch seminars are advertised as free investment workshops for seniors. They are usually held at an upscale hotel, restaurant or country club, and a meal is typically included to entice you to attend. The sessions have greatsounding names, such as "Seniors Financial Survival Seminar" or "Senior Financial Safety Workshop," and the advertising typically includes phrases like "free investment information vital to seniors," "expert advice on securing your retirement," and (my favorite) "Nothing will be sold!"

Securities regulators from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), the Securities and Exchange Commission, and state governments joined forces to examine 110 investment firms and branch offices that offer seminars with a free lunch. Their conclusion: One hundred percent of the seminars -every last one of them -- were actually sales presentations! The regulators found that the actual goal of the seminars was not to offer free information; the true purpose was to convince attendees to open new accounts -- often on the spot -- and purchase investment products touted by the stockbroker or insurance agent who was promoting the seminar.

In their advertising, the companies promise to give you valuable investment advice and a free meal. Once you're lured in, they apply high-pressure sales tactics and do their best to make you buy invest-



**Truth about** money By Ric Edelman

ments and financial products before you leave. The investigation looked at investment firms in seven states that have large numbers of retirees: Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas. Here are some of the findings:

• Nearly 60 percent of the sales seminars were "poorly supervised." The sponsoring brokerage or insurance firms did not review or approve the broker or agent's seminar presentations or materi-

· Half of the seminars featured exaggerated or misleading advertising claims. Examples:

"Immediately add \$100,000 to your net worth."

"How to receive a 13.3 percent return."

"How \$100,000 can pay \$1 million to your heirs."

• Twenty-three percent of the workshops involved "possibly unsuitable recommendations," such as recommending a risky investment to an investor with a conservative investment objective. Or an illiquid investment was recommended to an investor with a short-term need for

• Finally, 13 percent of the seminars in the investigation were found to be outright fraudulent. These involved serious misrepresentations of risk and return, possible liquidation of accounts without the customers' knowledge or consent and apparent sales of bogus investments. All those cases are being reviewed for possible enforcement or disciplinary action.

Shortly after this report was issued, FINRA issued a regulatory notice to the financial services industry reminding us of our responsibilities and obligations when selling products to seniors.

The notice states that every financial adviser must be certain that each product recommendation to senior investors must be "suitable" to the client, based on the client's income, expenses, age, health and wealth.

The regulators have expressed concern about the proliferation of professional designations. Someone using the title 'certified senior adviser" or "retirement specialist" must actually possess the expertise the title implies. If not, his firm is violating securities regulations.

And, regarding free lunch seminars, FINRA said it is now paying close attention to the conduct of firms in connection with sales seminars aimed primarily at seniors. It warned the industry against the use of high-pressure sales tactics that take advantage of the typical fears of older investors. Phrases such as "This is a limited-time offer" or "You have to sign up today" are not supposed to be part of these presentations.

The message is clear: You must be careful about which seminars you attend. Make sure the seminar is educational and not just a sales pitch from someone trying to sell you products under the guise of providing information. FINRA's Investor Education Foundation found that in the past three years, 78 percent of seniors have received at least one invitation to a free lunch seminar. Sixty percent of seniors received six or more invitations!

Scrutinize those invitations carefully, and remind yourself, "There's no such thing as a free lunch!'

# Mother knows best, in this case

**DEAR BRUCE:** My mom owns her house and has put my name and my sister's name on the deed. Now she wants to take our names off, instead putting the house in her will, and she'll leave it to us when she passes away. She is afraid that if something happens to my sister or me, it would cause someone to sue us and she might lose her house in the settlement. Could this happen and are there any tax consequences? -- B.R. in Florida

**DEAR B.R.:** In theory, there could be a lien placed against your mother's house should you or your sister get into some situation where a judgment is recorded against you. The likelihood is that they could not take the house away during her lifetime, but her idea makes sense from a tax perspective. If the house passes to you and your sister by virtue of a will, its value will be higher (compared with the original acquisition price). When you sell it, you would have a higher base and less capital-gains tax to pay. **DEAR BRUCE:** You often say when

one is buying term insurance that it should be both renewable and convertible. What does that mean? -- Reader, via



SMART MONEY By Bruce Williams

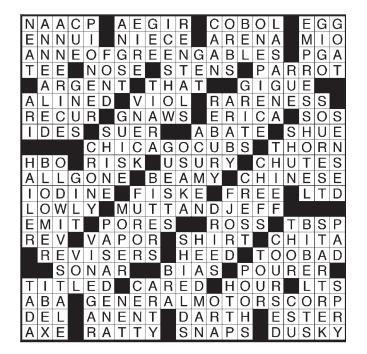
DEAR READER: Simply, convertible means that, at any time during the course of the policy, it may be converted to whole life insurance. If you're diagnosed with a fatal disease, the company is still obligated to make the conversion. Renewable means what it says -- the company must renew the policy at the end of whatever term is agreed to, and that's where the conversion comes into play. Say you have lived to 68 with the insurance ending at 70, a not uncommon scenario. You can then convert the term insurance at the attained age to whole life, without evidence of insurability.

**DEAR BRUCE:** How can someone like me invest in stocks? I don't know much about buying stocks. Do I need to

see a broker, or would it be better to buy mutual funds? -- Reader, via e-mail **DEAR READER:** Novice investors

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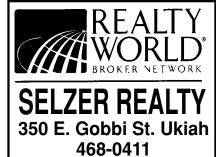












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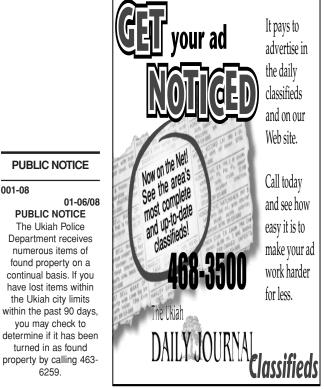
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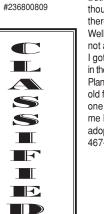
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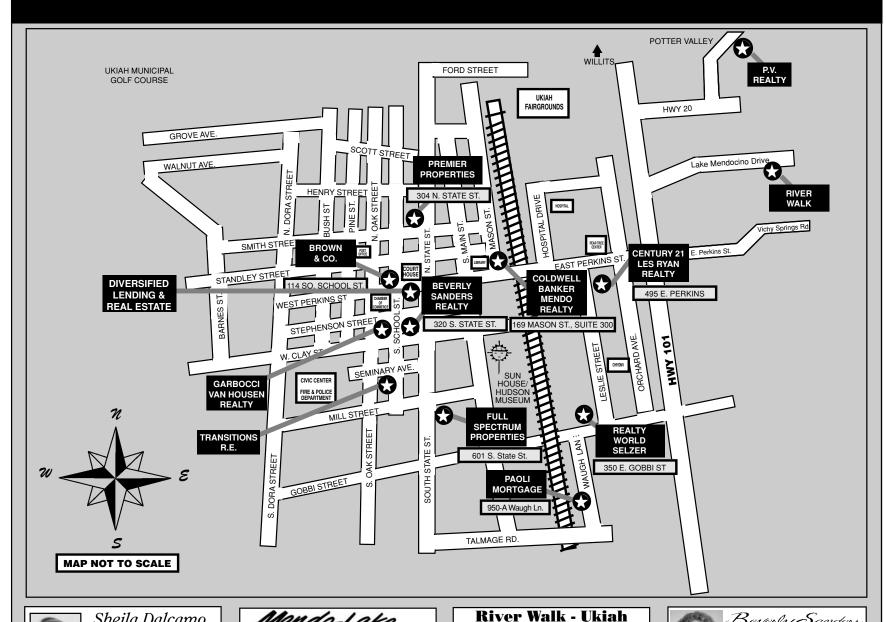
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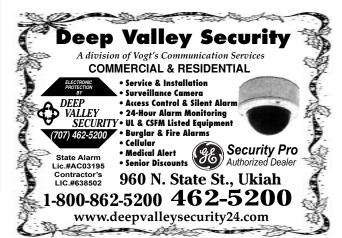
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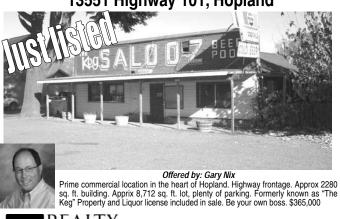
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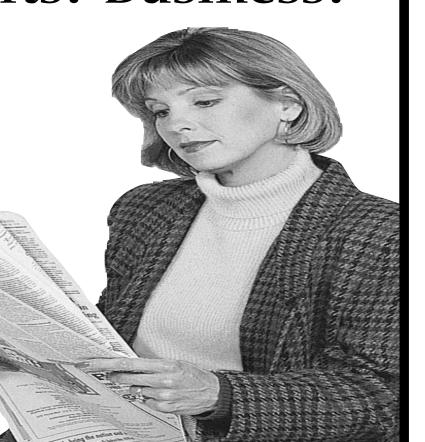
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